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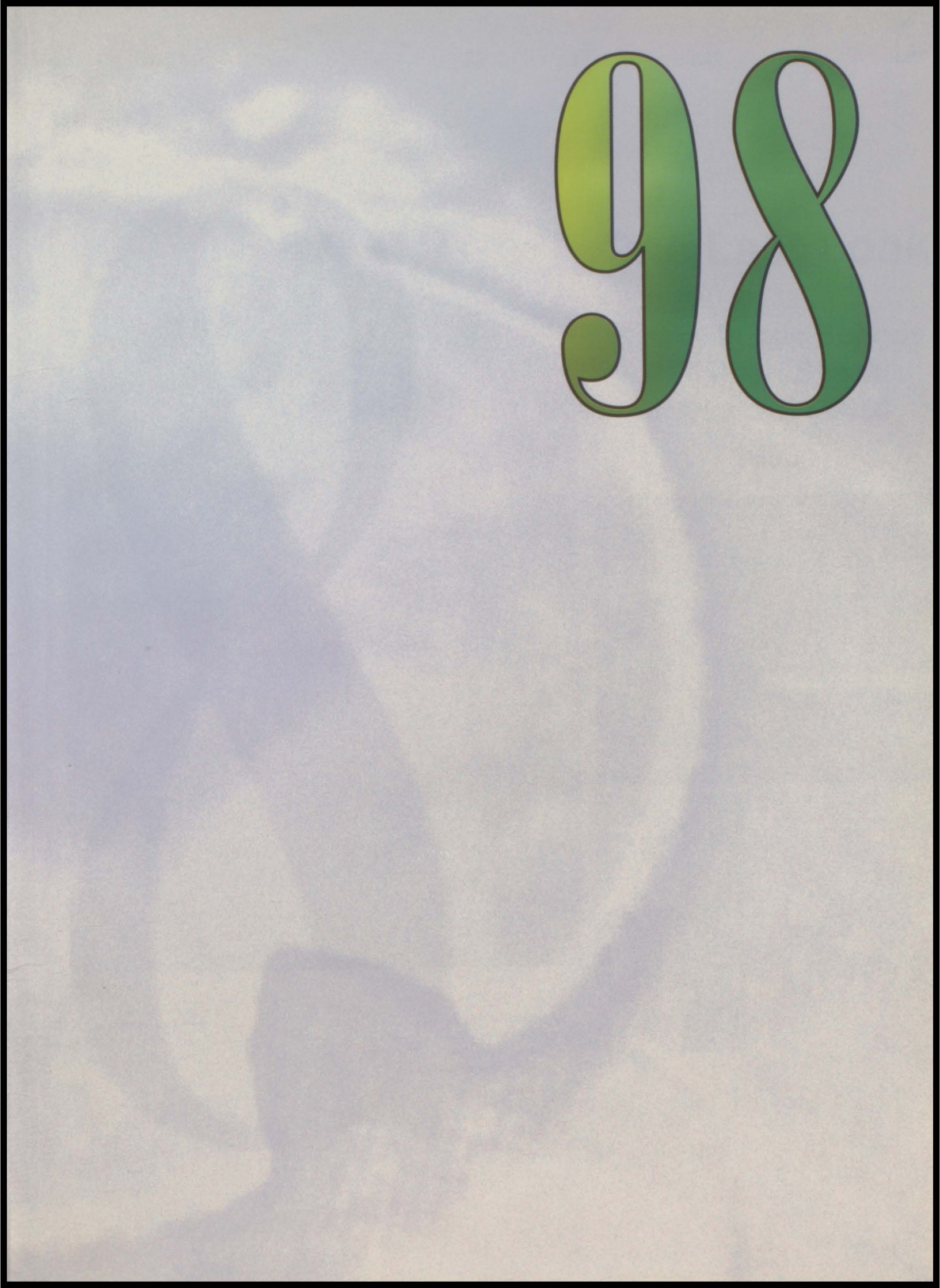
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One Last Look

Clarks Public School
205 Pearl Street
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The senior class gives us one last look at a class with lots of enthusiasm and friendship.

The exit sign is symbolic of the last look a person sees as he or she journeys on to another chapter in life.

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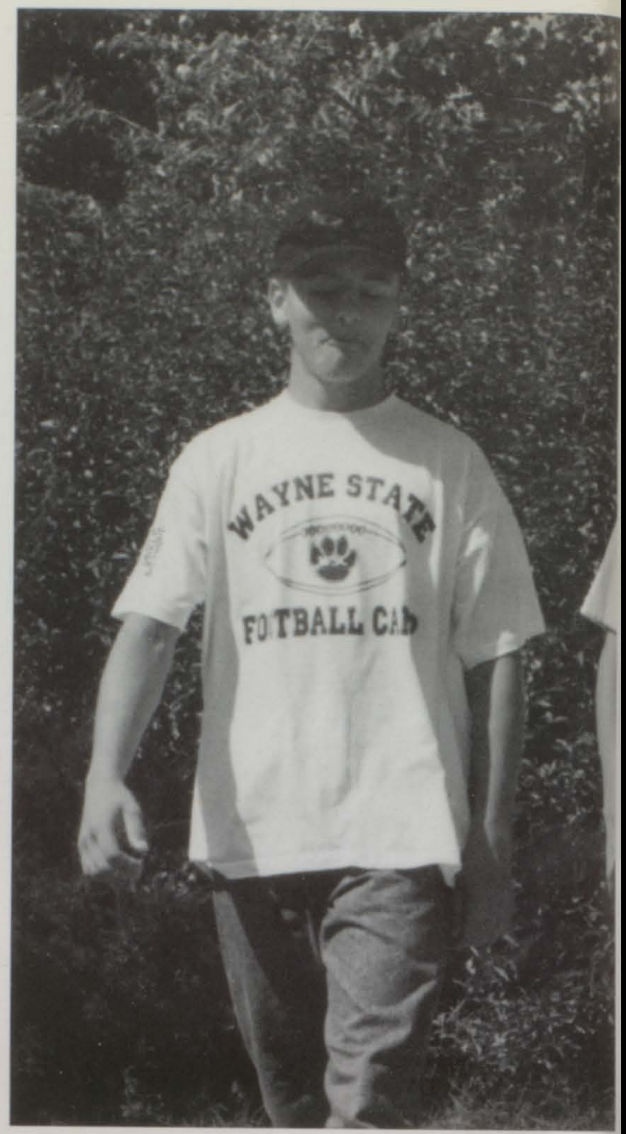
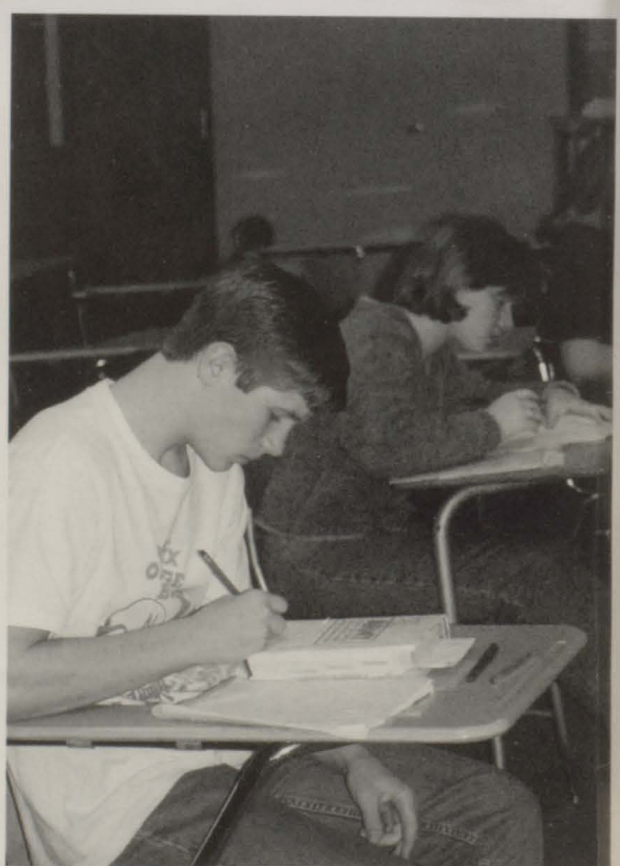
Classes

ONE LAST LOOK AT THE YEAR





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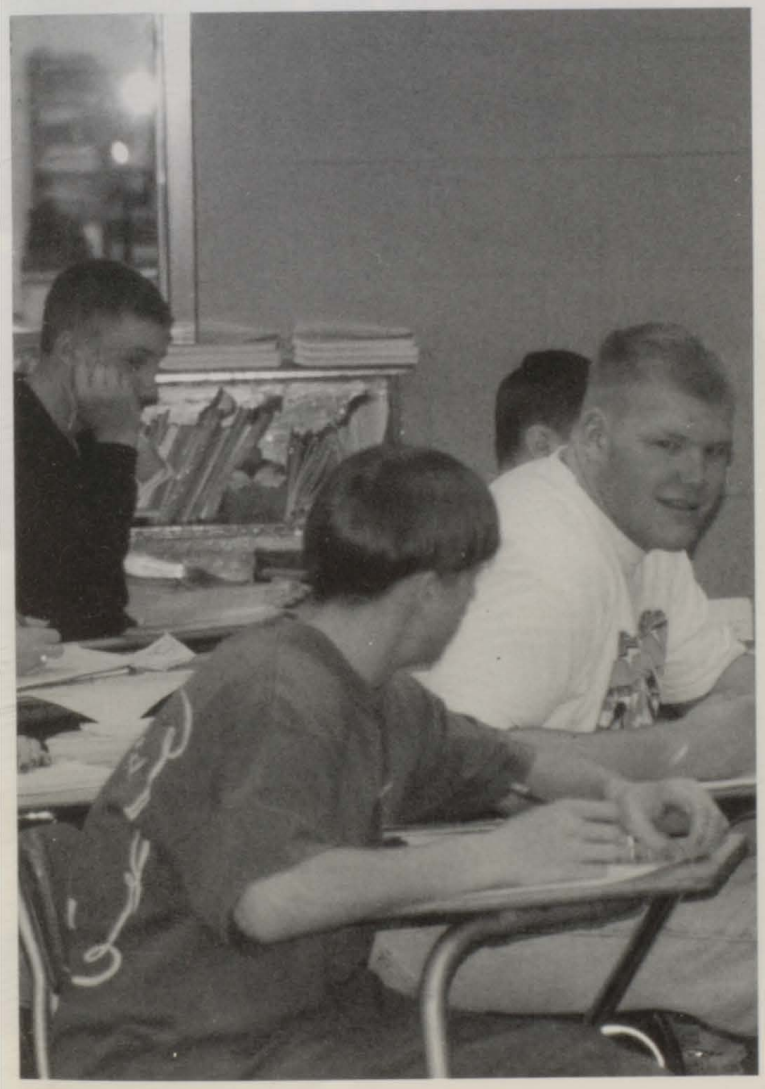
While **Daron** and **Jesse S.** seem preoccupied with something else, **Abbey** and **Tim** strike a pose for the camera

Clint...**Clint**...**Clint** of the jungle, strong as he can be. (Actually he's just wandering around Clarks on Bean Day.)

Jeremy and **Staci** are studying for their English semester test.

Kirk, **Jesse S.**, and **Alan** all wonder how this shop project will look when it's finished.

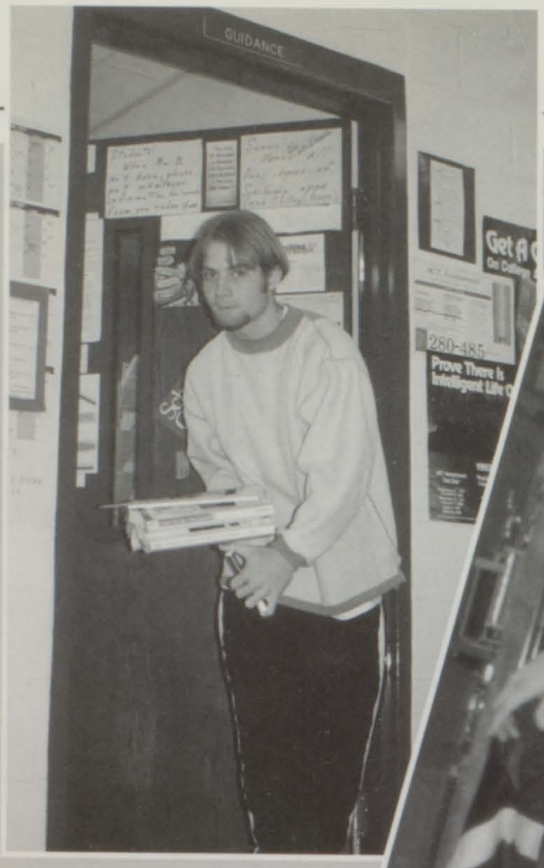
Who is that beautiful redhead posing with **Breanne**? (Actually, it's **Justin**.)



Loren and **Mitch** seem to be discussing important sophomore news.

The annual class takes a break at Pizza Hut after a long morning of selling adds.

Kurt crams hard on an accounting assignment.



Duke visits one of the most important places a senior can go-- Mr. B's office.

Jorge shows the strength of a Santa helper..

Joni, Audrey, Laurel, and Torri stand together as senior members of the volleyball team.

Brian and Bucky show that technology is an important facet of all that is learned.

Best friends Joni and Torri show their twin talent at blowing bubbles.

One Last Look

Students can't wait to be seniors, and then it hits them-- this is our last Homecoming, our last football and volleyball games, our last basketball and wrestling meet, our last play practice...and, finally, our last day together. Being a senior means it's one last EVERYTHING. In a small school, students become a family with lots of fun but also some frustrations. These pages reflect one last look..at 1997 and 1998 as only we remember it.

Laurel, Casey, Audrey, and LaDonna created great high school memories and will be buddies for life.

Senior Life

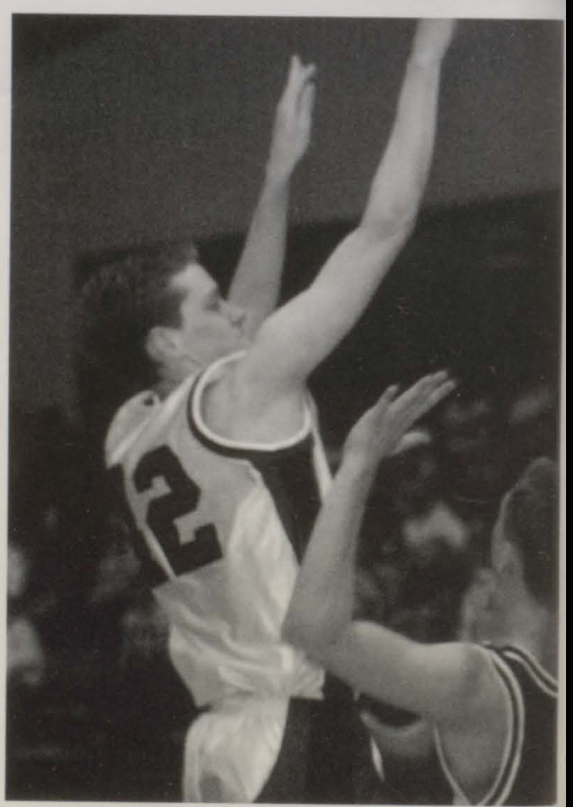
It's a senior thing!

What Laurel will miss most about school is the long, bumpy bus rides to Lincoln on school trips.

Some of Torri's best memories of Clarks High are skipping school with a best friend and the Close-up trip to D.C.

The worst part of Joni's senior year was having to part with close friends.

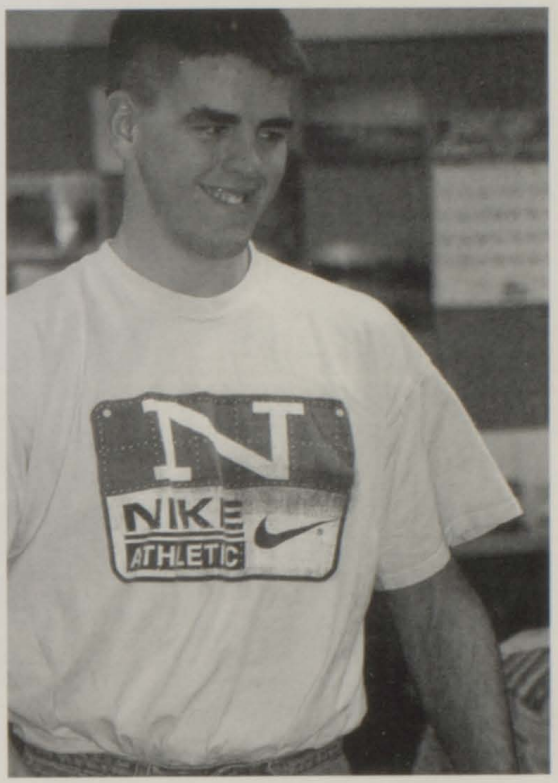
Audrey's best memory of her class is when they all came out and visited her when her parents were gone.



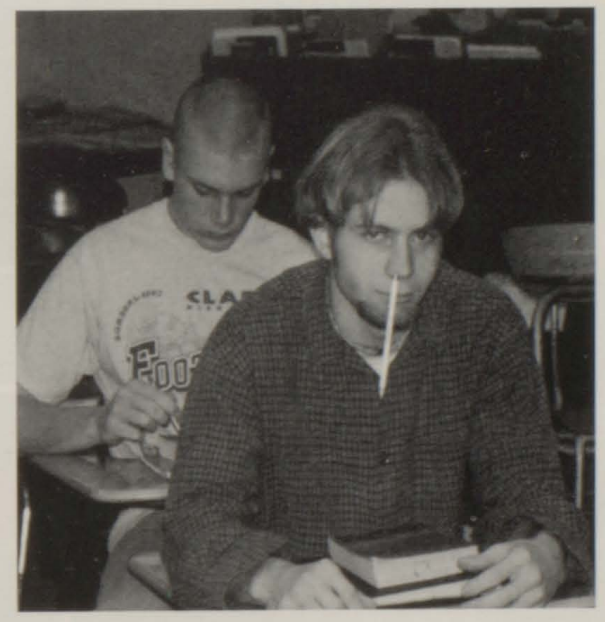
Bucky is showing his shooting skills.

The seniors ham it up on the wrestling deck.

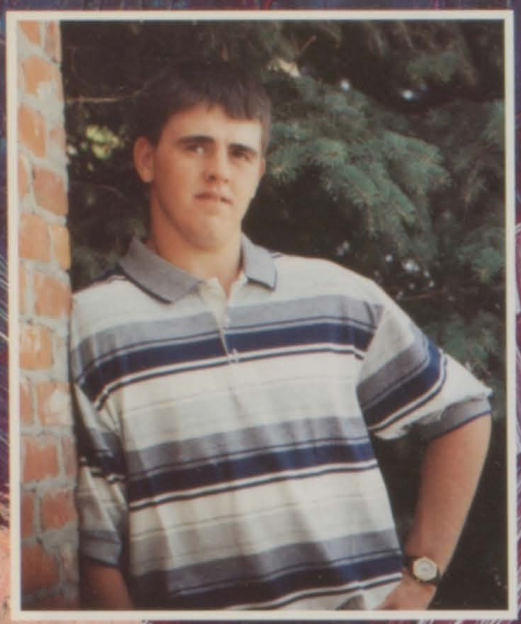
Brian gives us a smile showing that school can be fun.



LaDonna and Casey demonstrate alternative ways to relax in school.



Duke shows that seniors have a variety of talents.



Brian David Buller

Casey Rena Grause

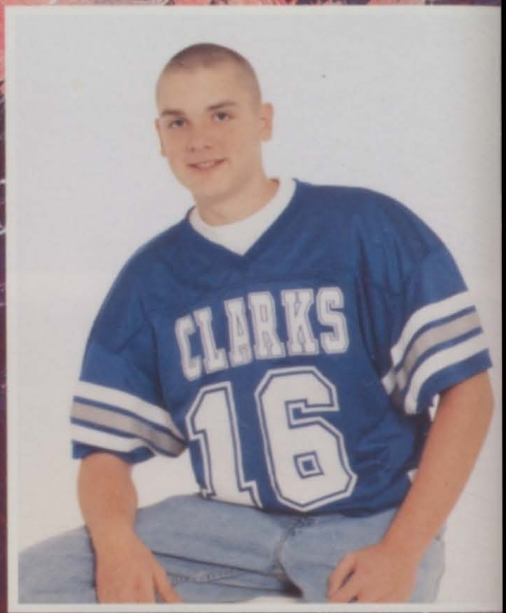
Bucky Richard Herman

Class motto:
Tomorrow's life is too late. Live today.

Class Flower:
White Rose

Class Colors:
Burgundy, Hunter Green, and Black

Torri Marie Walford



Jorge Niklas Walloschek

Joni Lynn Pollard

Duke Jason Retzlaff

LaDonna Marie Staniec -

Audrey Ann Ziemba

Laurel Elizabeth Ziemba

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Juniors

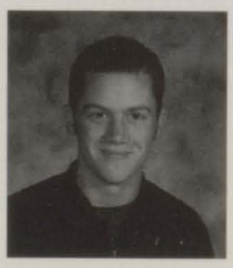
look at being at the top

Twenty fun-loving, creative, and talented juniors storm the halls everyday with laughter and affection. They like each other, and they entertain one another. **Carrie Ziemba** was elected president of the junior class; **Justin Kohl** was elected vice-president; **Breanne Rosenthal** became secretary; and **Abbey Schultz** took on the role of treasurer. The class chose **Tamara Dittmer** and **Nick Tignor** for their student council representatives. The class found physics and geometry most challenging. Whatever this class undertakes, it's sure to be with enthusiasm.

Mike Rieken (dressed as Mrs.Took) has **Breanne Rosenthal** help him button "her" shirt.
Melissa and **Martha** cuddle up to **Mitch** in an attempt to get their man.
Carrie, Tamara, Krystal, and **Tabitha** show the friendship the juniors have each other.

Bittinger, Lynn

Boroviak, Krystal


Church, Todd

Dittmer, Tamara

Helgoth, Kirk

Hoffer, Martha

Kohl, Jesse

Kohl, Justin

Lesiak, Tim

Lindgreen, Daron

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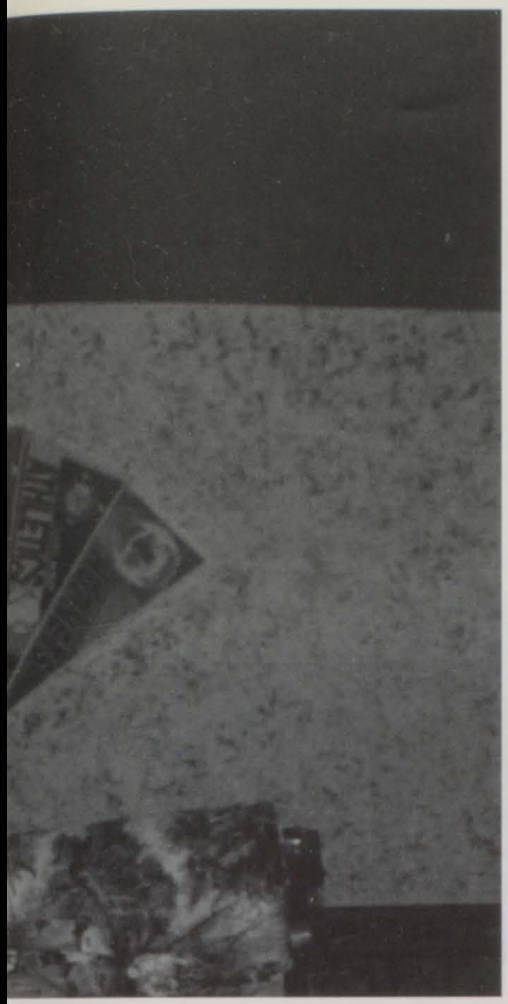
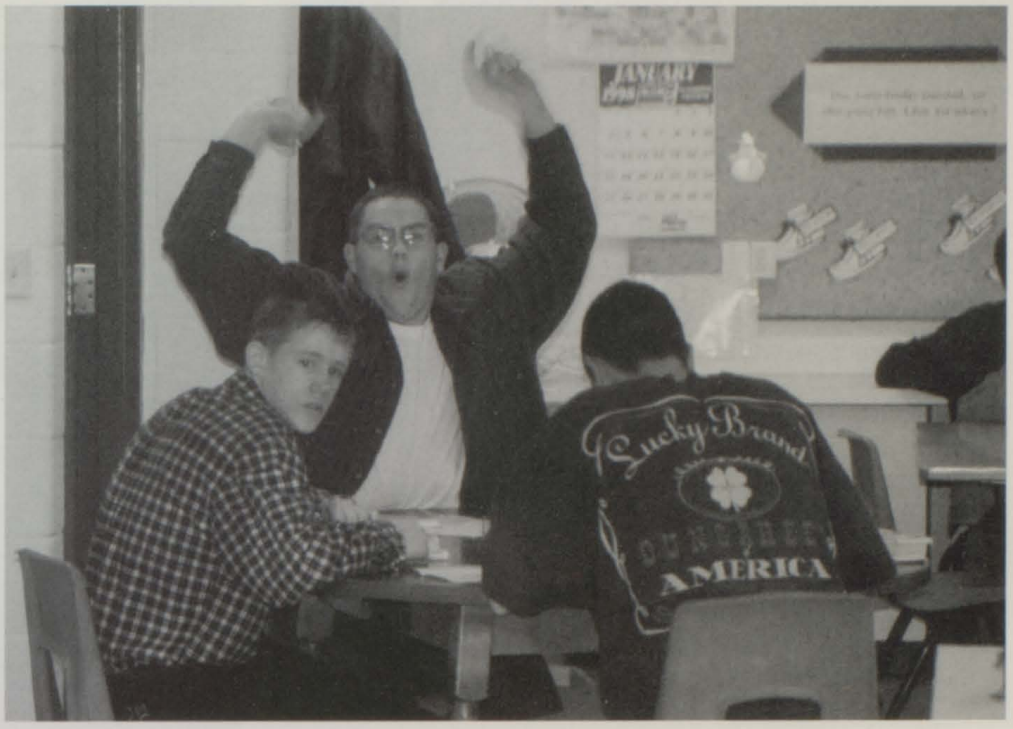
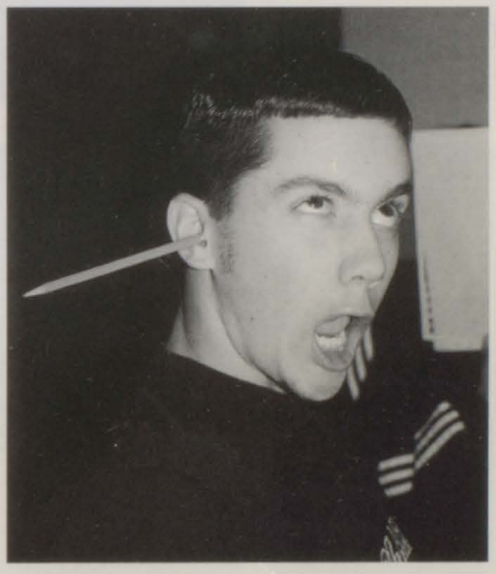






Tim Lesiak gets excited about study hall while **Jesse S.** and **Jesse K.** remain calm.
Todd shows the stress of too much studying.
Mr. Loveable, **Justin Kohl**, hugs **Abbey** in the hallway.
Daron gets a hug however he can.

Rieken, Alan

Rieken, Mike

Rosenthal, Breanne

Schultz, Abbey

Sweet, Jesse

Tignor, Nick

Traxler, Melissa

Urkoski, Kurt

Van Pelt, Tabitha

Ziemba, Carrie

We thank them for their support!

Sophomores

look at climbing the ladder

Sophomores have a heavy required class load, but these ten people thrive on competing with each other for grades. They consider English, algebra, and Spanish as their hardest classes. Their favorite lunches are pizza, French dip, and fried chicken. All ten agreed they loved attending a small school and wanted to graduate from Clarks The sophomores elected **Mitch Manstedt** their president. Other officers were **Loren Lindgreen**, vice president; **Ashley Woods**, secretary; and **Mary Boroviak,** treasurer. **April Staniec** and **Staci Anderson** served as student council representatives.

These ten sophomores will look back at their many academic and athletic accomplishments with satisfaction.

Wrestling buddies, **Mitch** and **Tyler,** spend another long day at a wrestling tournament.
Mary checks out her locker... caught in the act.
April, Staci, Ashley, and **Mary** express their creative natures in art.

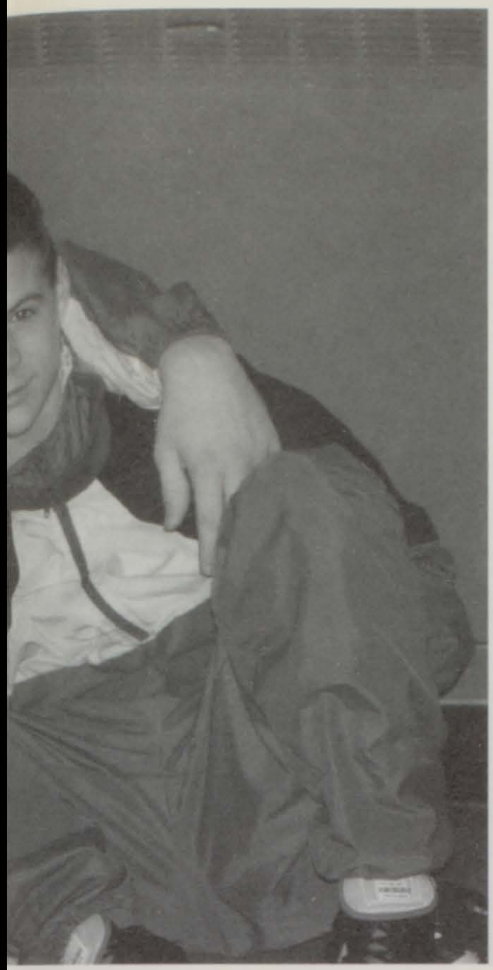
Anderson, Staci

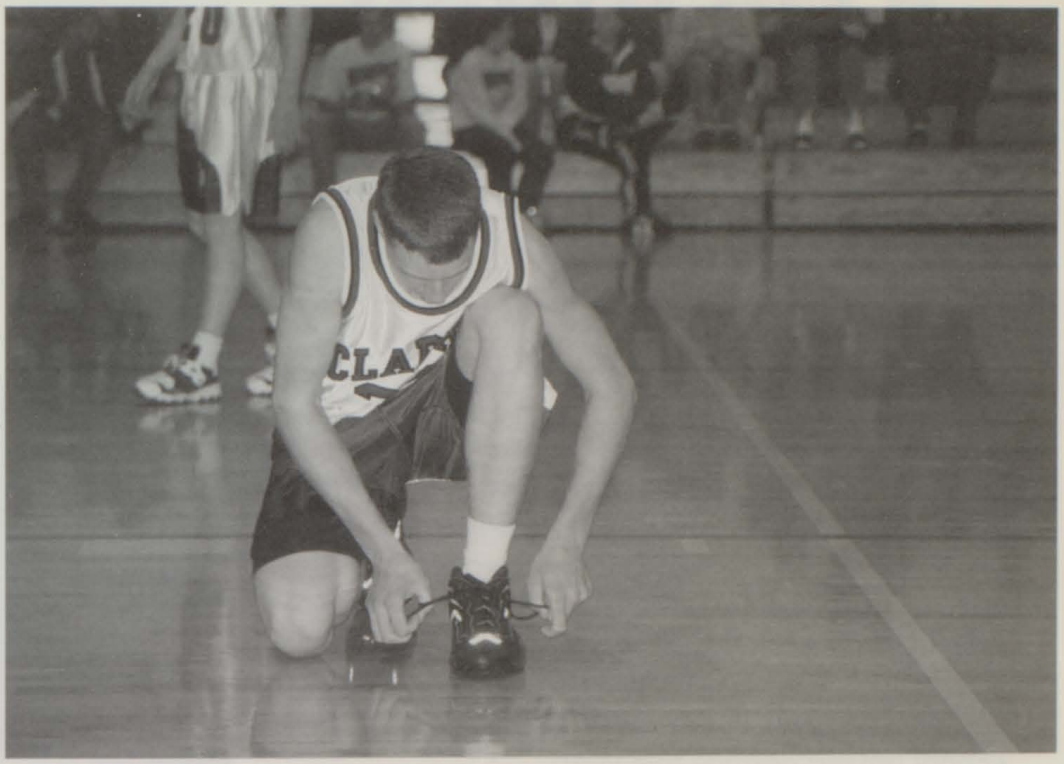
Boroviak, Mary

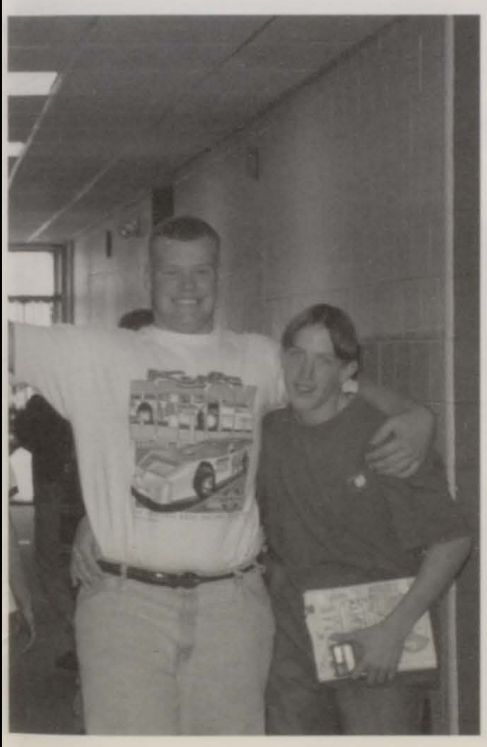
Dubas, Jeremy

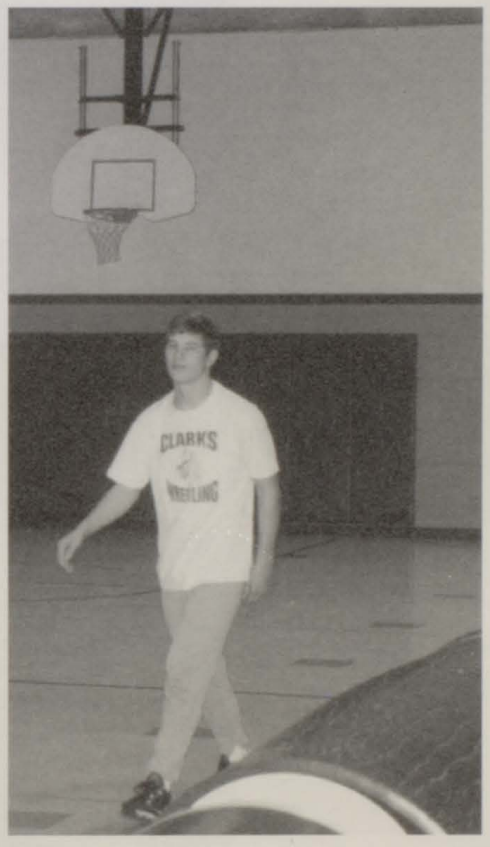
Herman, Tyler

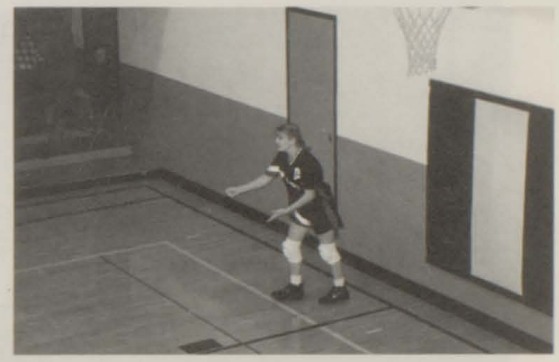
Lindgreen, Loren











Dominic ties his shoes so he does't wipe out someone on the court.
Jeremy gets ready to help set up for our big Clarks wrestling tournament.
Mitch and **Loren** show that the sophomores stick together through thick and thin.
April serves it up at a JV volleyball game.

Manstedt, Mitch

Staniec, April

Yrkoski, Tim

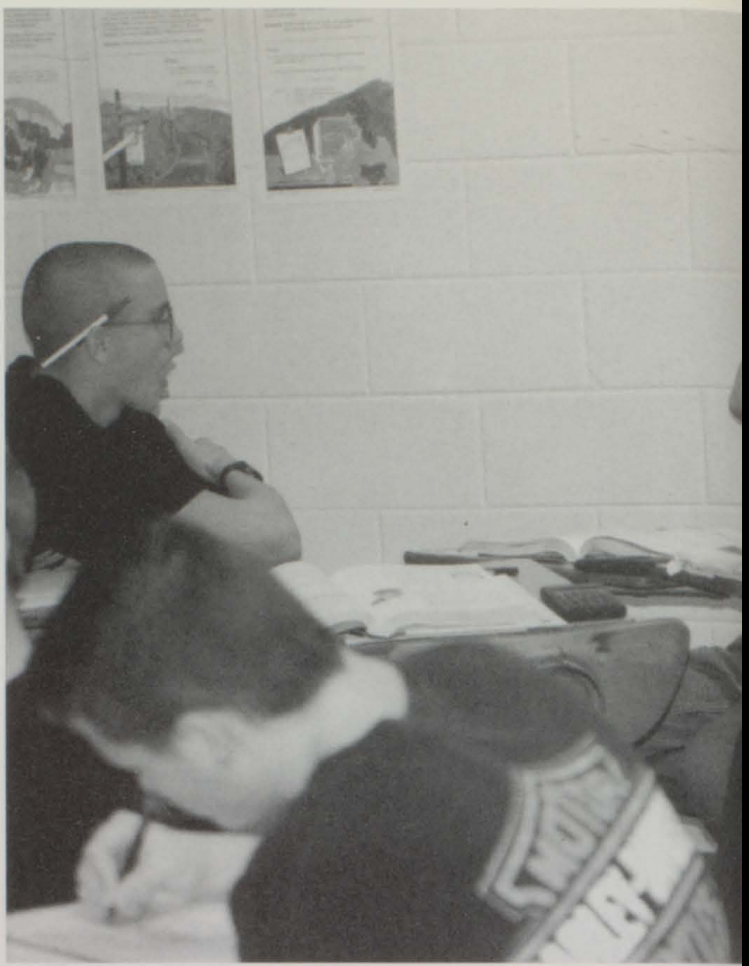
Woods, Ashley

Zoucha, Dominic

Freshmen

look at the road ahead

The freshman took one last look at junior high and rushed into the busy world of high school. **Steven Wruble** was elected president of the class. Other officers included **Amber Fuehrer**, vice-president; **Ross Richards**, secretary; **Caley Swedenburg,** treasurer; **Paige Jacobi** and **Josh Dittmer** as student council representatives. Favorite lunches for the freshmen were burritos and pizza. In their opinion, math and science proved the most challenging classes, while shop and P.E. were the easiest. The freshman stayed involved in every activity they could, showing immense school spirit. Look out because some of these freshmen obtained school driving permits this year!



Freshmen boys **Cody, Josh, Clint,** and **Joe** work as a group to solve math problems.
Caley marches in the Veteran's Day parade, showing her school spirit.
Joe uses oils to express his talents.

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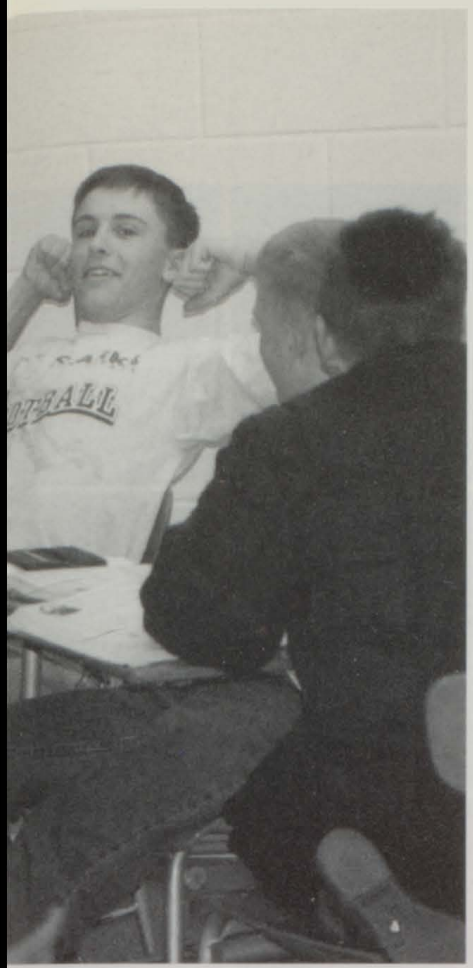
Church, Clint

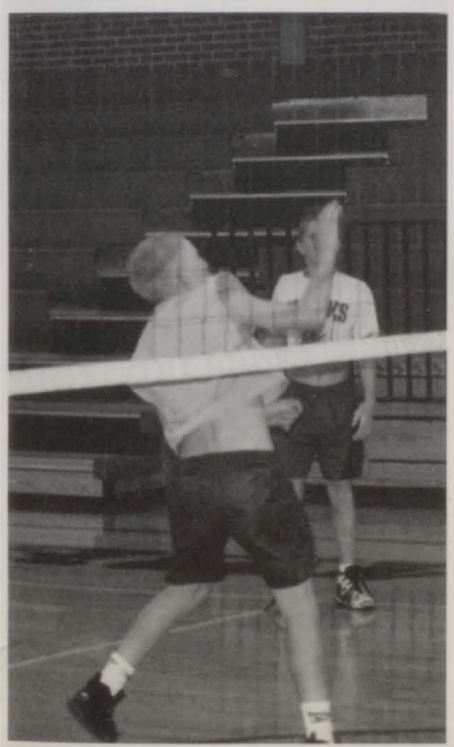
Dittmer, Josh

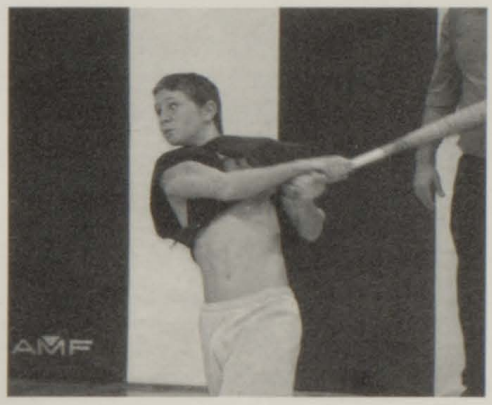
Dittmer, Justin

Fuehrer, Amber

Jacobi, Paige







Paige works on her gingerbread house for Teen Living class.
Jimmy swings to hit a home run in P.E.
Cody demonstrates his athletic ability.
Curtis avoids a spike in a seroius volleyball game in P.E.

Richards, Ross

Schultz, Cody

Staniec, Joe

Swedenburg,Caley

Swedenburg,Curtis

Wruble, Steven

JUNIOR HIGH

Eighth Grade-Beck, Jennifer

Beck, T.J.

Bittinger, Heather

Buller, Dawn

Dubas, Jason

Hannappel, John

Hoffer, Mitchell

Koenig, Kandra

Retzlaff, Dillon

Sweet, Sami

Traxler, Holly

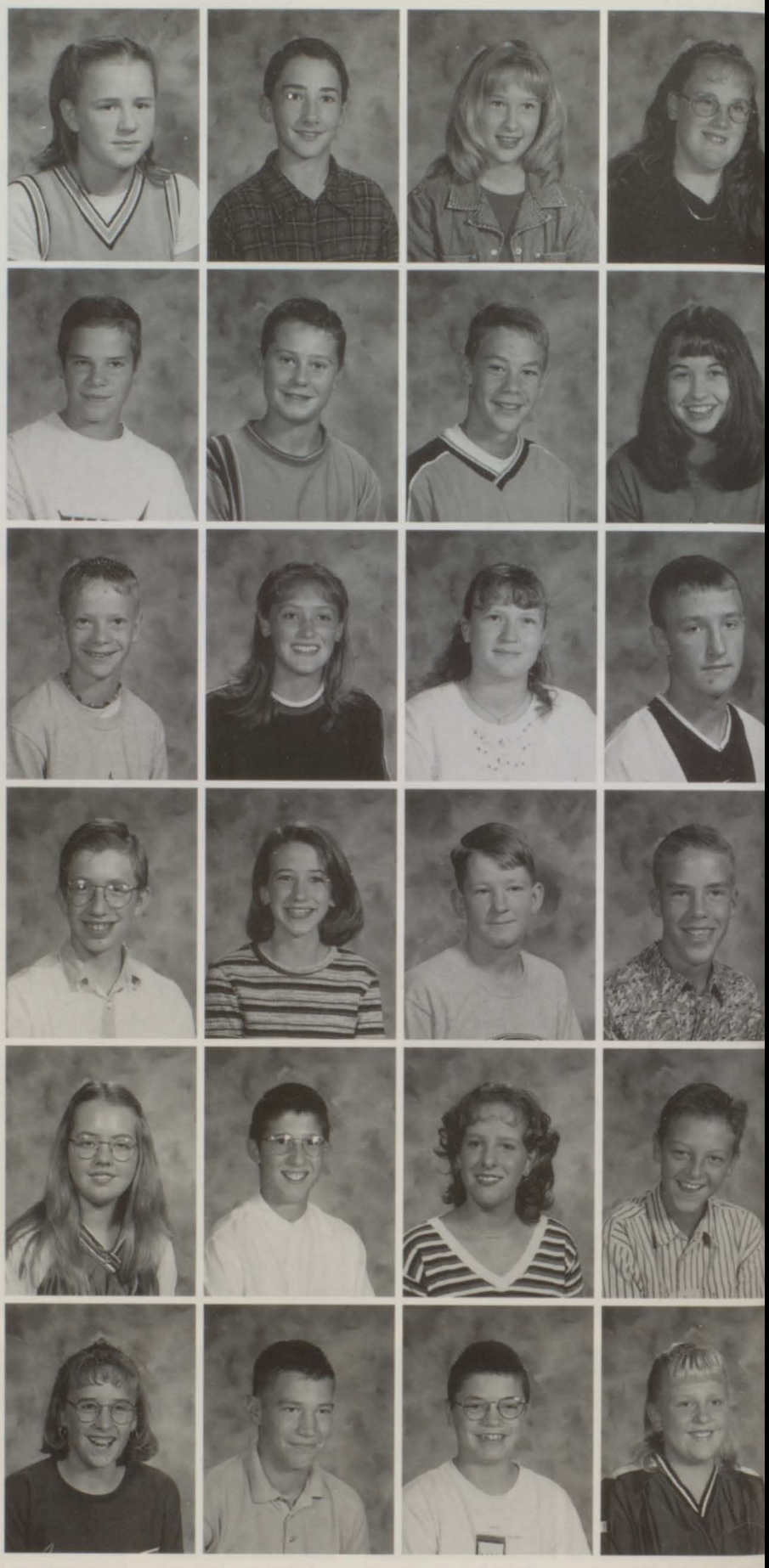
Van Pelt, Shane

Veburg, Ryan

Walford, Talia

Ziemba, Daniel

Zoucha, Dyrek



Seventh Grade-Anderson, Melissa

Beck, Derek

Boroviak, Shari

Detter, Dage

Fritz, Cara

Herman, Travis

Janulewicz, Dustin

Kohl, Amanda

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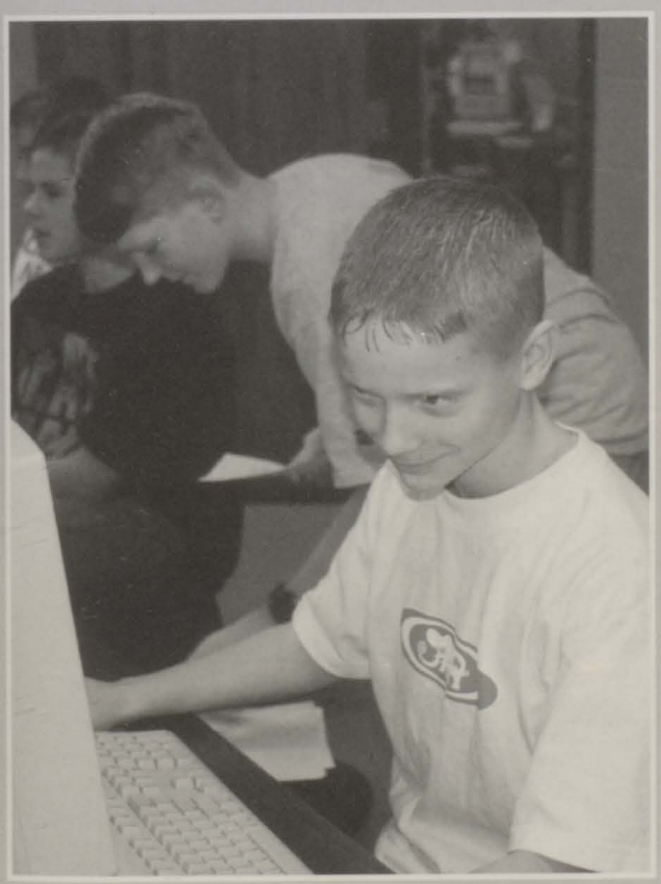
Swedenburg, Cole

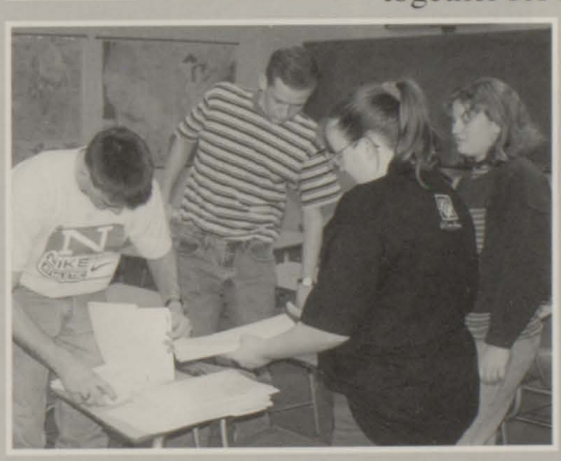
Walford, Tanna

Looking Forward to Big Times

After being "the big cheese" in sixth grade, junior high students have to deal with being at the bottom of the totem pole again---only this time the teachers are stricter, the opposite sex is A LOT more interesting, and clothes and complexion are more important than what's for lunch! The junior high began building a class bank account by selling magazines in the fall. Their high energy and drive made both classes successful in this endeavor. As junior high students discover more about themselves, the world, and what is truly important in life, they step on a few toes but learn quickly that what goes around, comes around.



Dillon R. works on an assignment while **Daniel Z.** finds extra material.
Tanna W. passes time by reading. This practice will lead to many future successes.
Dawn B. and **Holly T.** help **Brian** and **Bucky** put tests together for Mr. Vrbka.



They are helping make this annual possible.

ELEMENTARY--ONE LAST LOOK

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Church, Jason
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Johnson, Courtney
Kennedy, Jacob
Labarge, Shelby

Miller, Wyatt
Oliver, Jonathan
Scherer, Jamee
Shotkoski, Rachel
Tignor, Logan
Vincent, Jason
Danklesen, Adam

Detter, Preston
Grause, Corbey
Kava, Britny
Kuhn, Tanner
Schultz, Cheyanne
Shivley, Calvin
Strobel, Haley

Sundberg, Meagan
Beck, Anthony
Church, Caleb
Davis, Erin
Dubas, Jesse
Engel, Brooke
Oliver, David

Staniec, Sarah
Vrbka, Clete
Wirrick, Danika
Ziemba, Mary
Beck, Nicholas
Braasch, Jessica
Burruss, Megan

Church, Heather
Davis, Nicole
Fritz, Clay
Hejtmanek, Skye
Kuhn, Travis
Labarge, Trevor
Liegl, Amanda

Saylor, Renee
Yrkoski, Jonella
Beck, Jessica
Beck, Kayla
Church, Kevin
Herman, Thomas
Rhodes, Christina

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AN AGE OF INNOCENCE

Scherer, Brent
Strobel, Ashley
Swedenburg, Candice
Ziemba, Chris
Bittinger, Vinny
Danklesen, Sami
Davis, Bryan

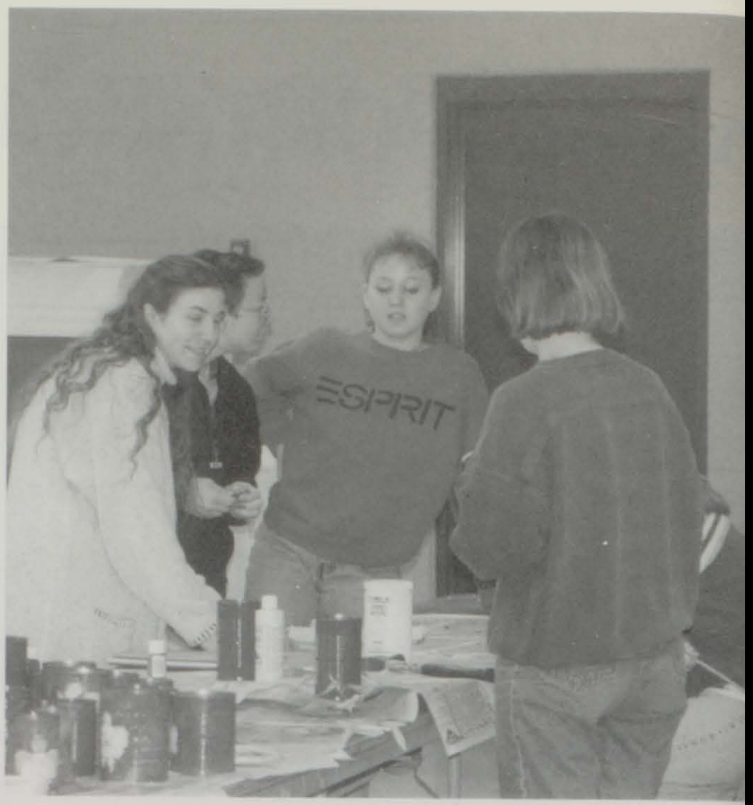
Dubas, Samantha
Engel, Holly
Kuhn, Brett
Kufeldt, Dustin
Liegl, Mistina
Shotkoski, Jessica
Vrbka, Corinna

Zoucha, Brent
Beck, Brian
Church, Sadie
Dittmer, Carlee
Hejtmanek, Ivy
Labarge, Nichole
Shively, Anthony

Sweet, Sara
Terryberry, Tyler
Veburg, Derek
Wruble, Alyson
Yrkoski, Kyle
Engel, Travis

Brooke Engel and **Caleb Church** play with Santa's treats.
Chris Ziemba, Candice Swedenburg, and **Jessica Beck** show what cooperative learning looks like.
Amanda Burruss, Logan Tignor, Wyatt Miller, and **Rachel Shotkoski** sit in a circle showing **Mrs. Brazda's** class has structured fun.

Dyrek, **Jimmy**, **Ross**, and **Steven** are guided through a karoake song by **Mr. Vrbka**.
Ms. Nabity explains painting techniques to **Joe**, **Casey**, **April**, and **Stacey**.



STAFF

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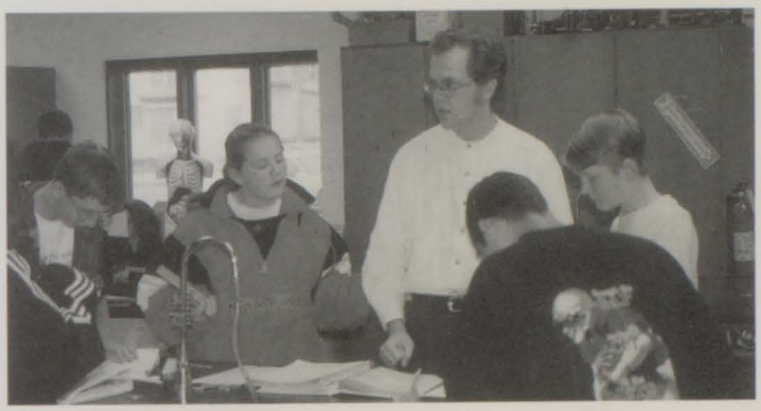
T. Beck- Media
V. Beck-Tech. Coord.
B. Bjorklund-Guidance
T. Boeka-4th Grade
K. Brazda-Kindergarten
G. Burton-Supt.

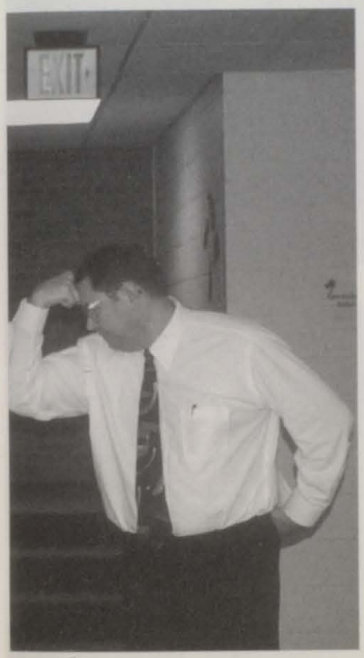
T. Casper-Science
S. Church-Secretary
D. Gallion-Music
D. Gilson-Principal
S. Hendricks-FCS
T. Herman-Cook
I. Janulewicz-Cook

J. Knaub-5th Grade
T. Koehn-Math
K. Lesiak-2nd Grade
D. Lindburg-3rd Grade
L. Nabity-Art, Spanish
K. Pettigrew-P.E.
M. Terryberry-SPED

D. Ueckert-1st Grade
A. Vrbka-Social Studies
J. Vyhlidal-English
D. Walford-Business
D. Wiese-Reading

TEACHERS AT WORK

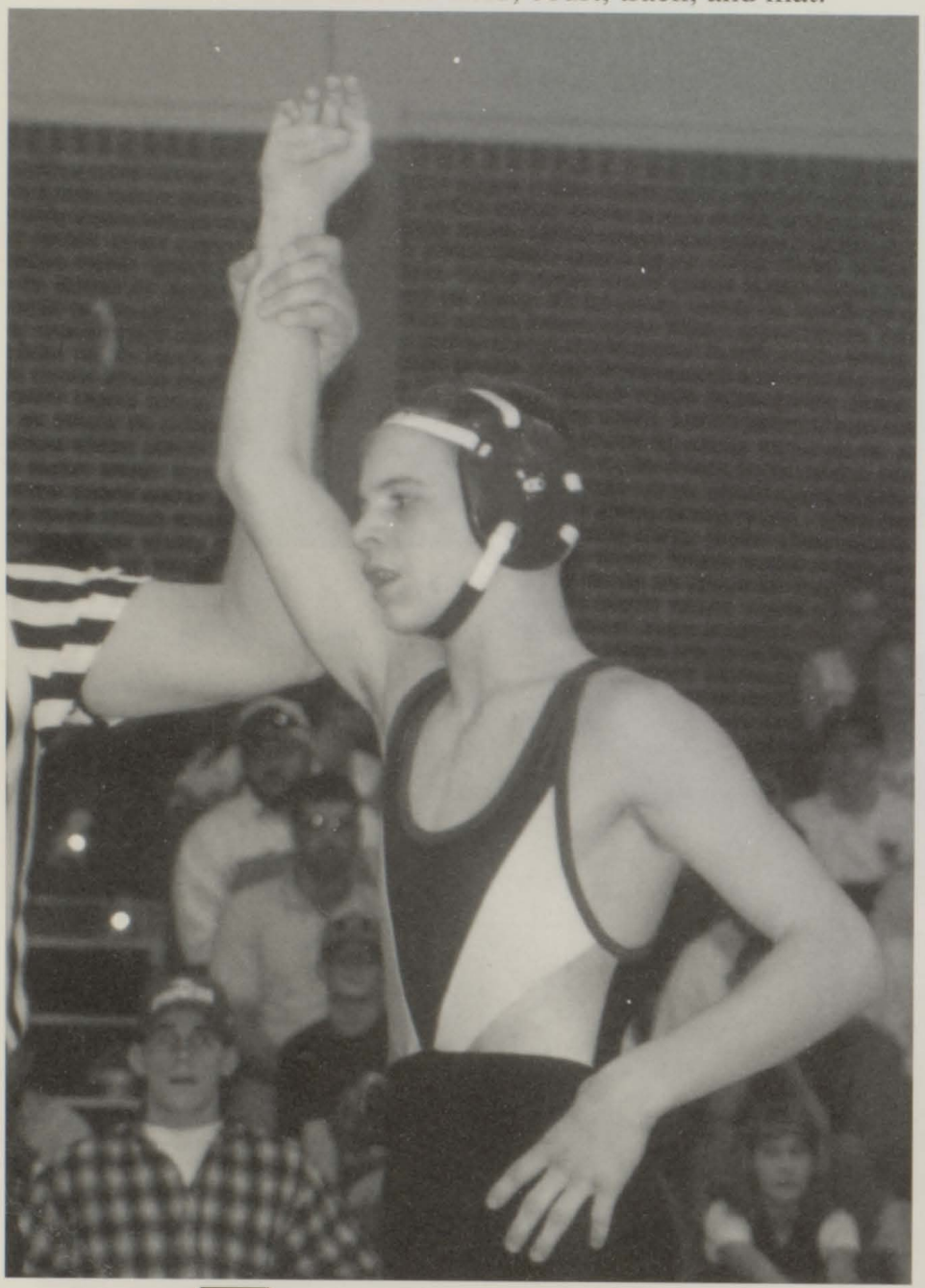


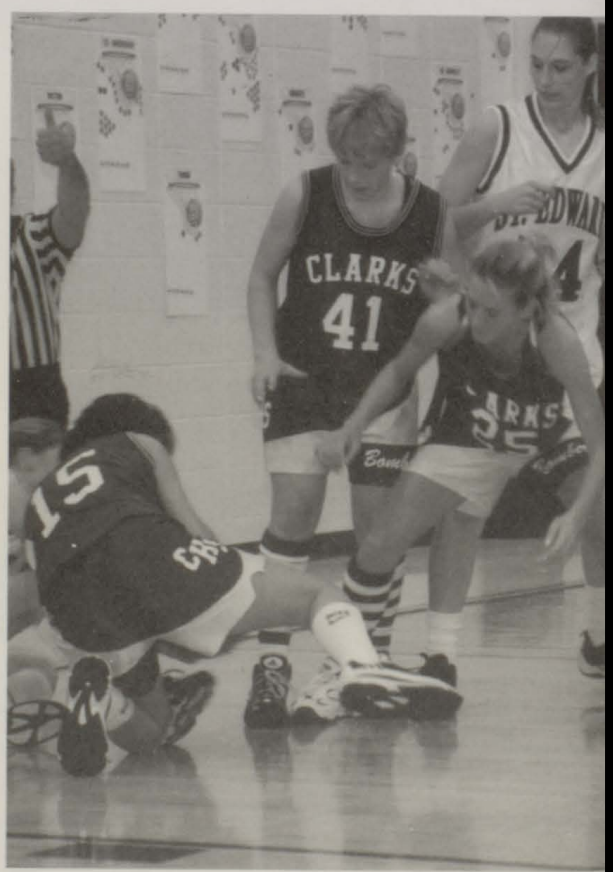


Mr. Hansen helps **Tim** perfect his hutch.
Mr. Casper answers science questions for **Ryan**, **Jenny**, **Daniel**, and **John**.
Mr. Gilson gives us his thinker pose.
Ms. Knaub peeks up from her hard work.
Mrs. Weise listens to students improve their reading skills.
Mr. B. shows how buried in paper work a guidance counselor can get.
Mr. Walford and **Mr. Pettigrew** "chill out" before a junior high game.
Mrs. Lesiak practices skills with her second graders.
Mr. Gallion keeps the elementary enthused about music.

Sports

One Last Look at the field, court, track, and mat.





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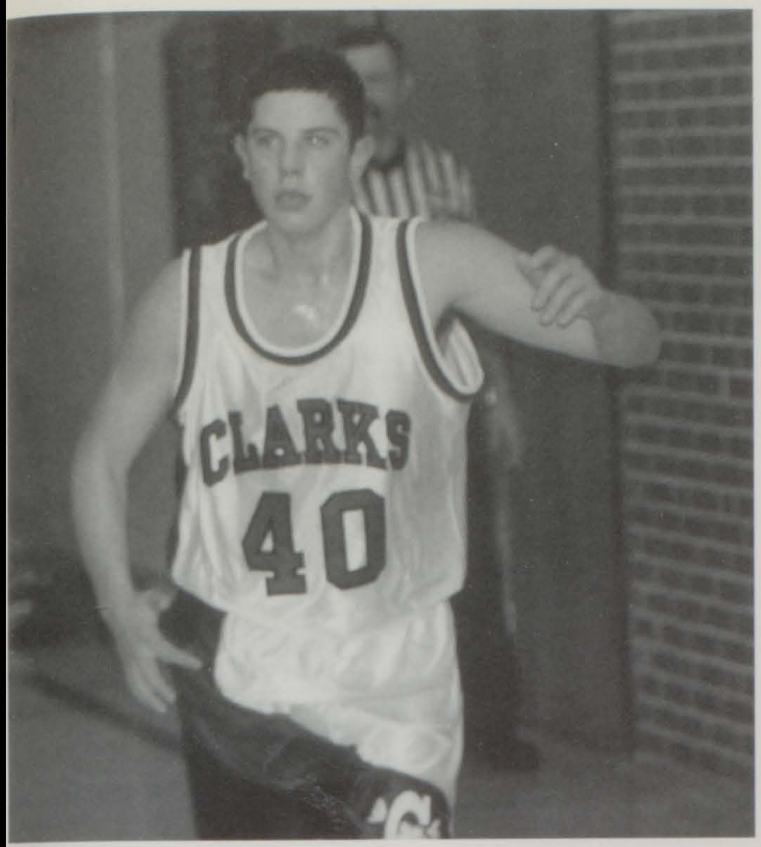
Sports Pics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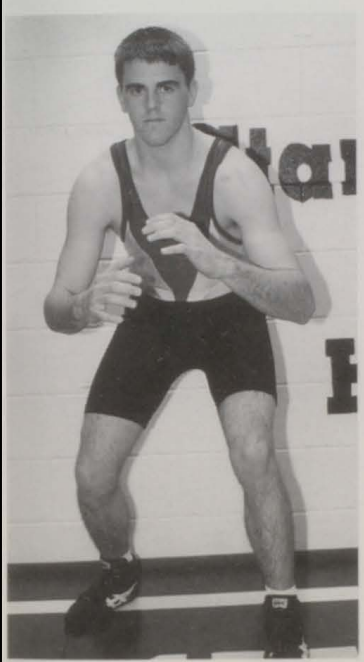

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Football teaches determination, responsibility, and leadership.
-- Dominic Zoucha

Football

Squad Leads with Determination and Desire

Friday night football games are as essential to small towns as the air we breathe. The games establish a meeting place for friendships to grow, old memories to be relived, and a time for young people to feel alive and strong and significant.

Even though the Bombers didn't have a winning season, they know the real importance of sports-learning to work as a team. "High school goes by pretty fast, so kids have to make the most of it while they can," said Coach Vrbka. Both Coach Vrbka and Coach Pettigrew are upbeat, inspirational men. "They're are tough on us, said freshman Justin Dittmer, " but it's great when they tell us we did a good job."

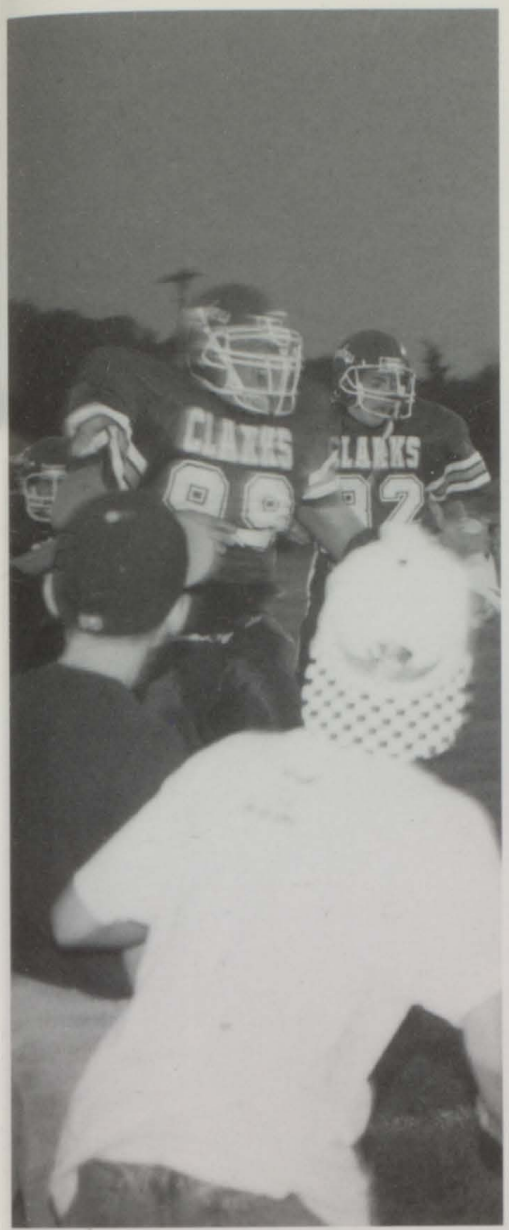
The three senior players were great role models for the younger members, teaching that hard work and perseverance are qualities a young man will find important in any aspect of life. For them, the sweetest moment for the season had to be winning the Homecoming game against Greeley.

Alan Rieken said, "Football teaches me to work hard for what I want to achieve." The team agree that Friday night football can mean many things to different people, but to them it meant discipline, keeping in shape, hard work, and a sense of belonging to a team.

Justin K. meets **Duke R.** for an awesome tackle.

Alan R. and **Jeremy D.** rush for a tackle before N.C. scores.

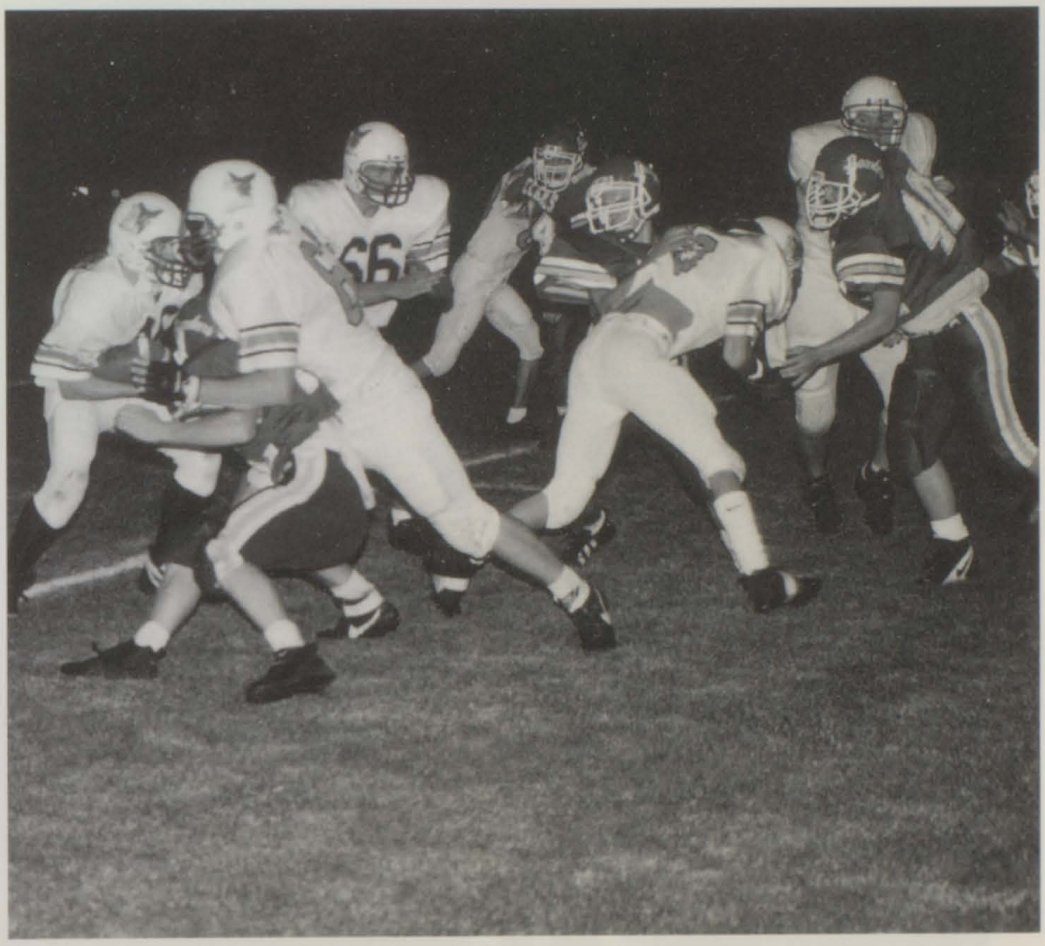
Student managers **Clete**, **Shane**, **Dillon**, and **T.J.** give the Bombers a "high five" as they run out to the field.



ON THE BALL

Mitch M. and **Cody S.** receive a good luck slap from future football players.

Tim Y., **Brian B.**, **Kirk H.**, and **Justin K.** work as team to tackle the running back



1997-1998 Bomber Football Team

Back row: Coach Vrbka, Coach Pettigrew, Loren Lindgreen, Brian Buller, Mitch Manstedt, Dominic Zoucha, Jorge Walloschek, and Duke Retzlaff.
Second row: Student manager T.J. Beck, Jeremy Dubas, Tyler Herman, Kirk Helgoth, Tim Yrkoski, Justin Kohl, Alan Rieken, and student manager Mitch Hoffer.
First row: Student manager Clete Vrbka, Justin Dittmer, Clint Church, Curtis Swedenburg, Steven Wruble, Jimmy Beck, Josh Dittmer, and Cody Schultz.

Lynn, Assisant Coach Scott Terryberry, Head Coach Tim Koehn, and **Tabitha** help coach from the bench.

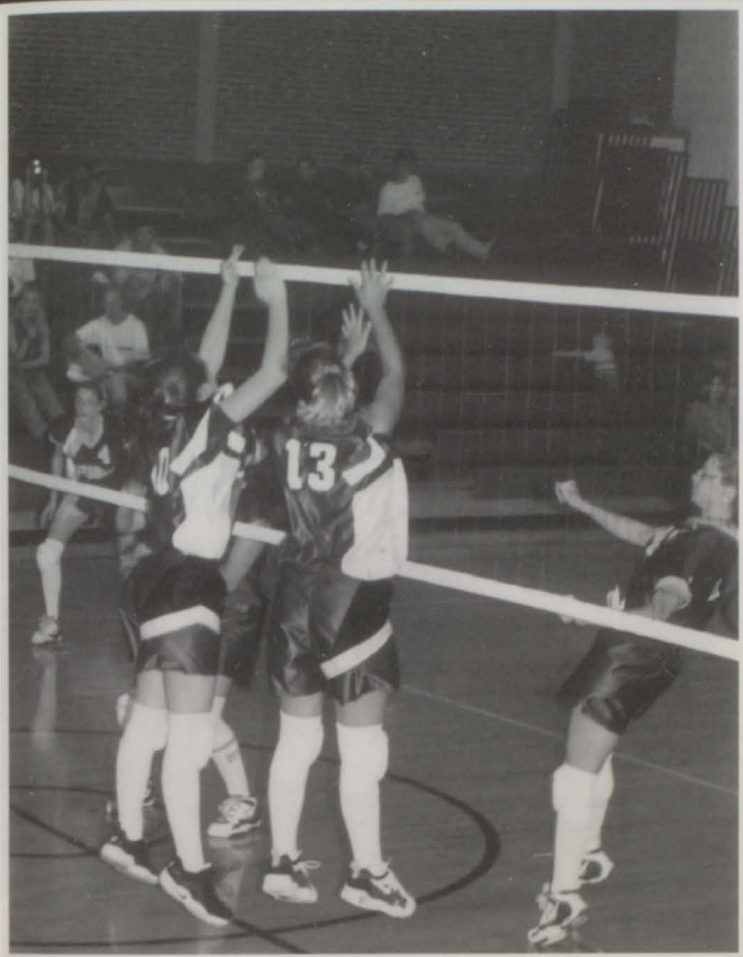
Breanne covers **Carrie** as she goes up for a kill.

Torri, Carrie, Audrey, Joni, and **Breanne** (five out of the six starters) head out to the court to start some "business."

Back row: Student manager Heather Bittinger, Mary Boroviak, Tabitha VanPelt, Breanne Rosenthal, Abbey Schultz, Tamara Dittmer, Carrie Ziemba, Mae Lynn Bittinger, Coach Koehn.
Middle Row: Alica Tignor, Paige Jacobi, Amber Fueher, Caley Swedenburg, April Staniec.
Front Row: Student Manager Sami Sweet, Audrey Ziemba, Torri Walford, Joni Pollard, Laurel Ziemba, Student manager Talli Walford.

Volleyball

"Getting to play in the games proves hard work pays off." - **Mary Boroviak**



Joni and **Audrey** go up together for a "stuff " block.

Experience leads the way for a successful season

The school year begins with volleyball, and most people hate to see it end. We had a lot of fun on the way to the games, " said **Audrey Ziemba**, senior starter. "I liked everything about volleyball," said **Abbey Schultz**, "but the most exciting game was the North Loup Scotia game."

" Volleyball is my favorite sport,"said senior **Joni Pollard.** " It is a sport that makes you feel needed as a part of the team. Everyone has a position to play, and they're responsible for that."

New head coach **Tim Koehn** said, "The girls adjusted well to a new coach and new system. We were successful in our conference and competitive throughout the season."

" Coach Koehn taught us unity," said **Tabitha VanPelt**. " We learned to work as one unit, which made it more fun."

"One thing Coach Koehn instilled in me," said **April Staniec**, "is that what matters most is trying our best.

Ask any Bomber girl about the volleyball season, and she'll say being a part of the team was a great experience.

Tabitha, Abbey, Lynn, and **Breanne** show us a great team effort on stretching.

Hard work pays off.
-- Brian Buller

Wrestling

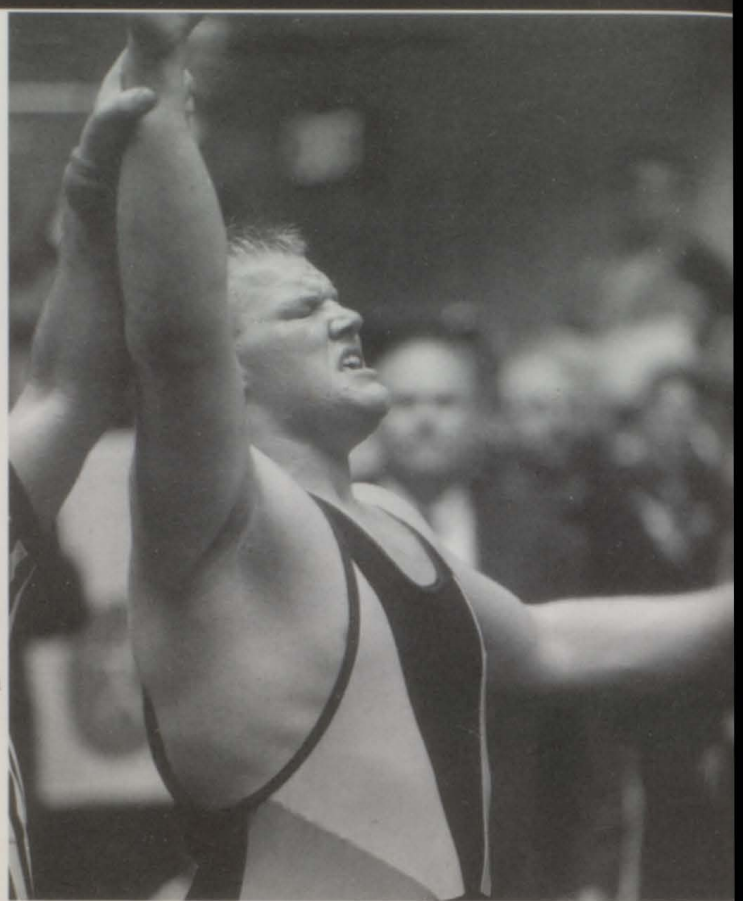
Desire, Discipline, and Dedication mean rewards

If you ask a wrestler what is valuable about being a part of the wrestling team, he will most likely say learning self-discipline. Setting personal goals and team goals and then having the determination to achieve those goals is what makes wrestling an important activity for many young men. "If a wrestler achieves his personal goals, he helps the team reach its goals," said **Mitch Manstedt**, state heavyweight champion.

Mr. Manstedt and Mike Herman, wrestling coaches, also get credit from senior Brian Buller. "They taught me that hard work pays off."

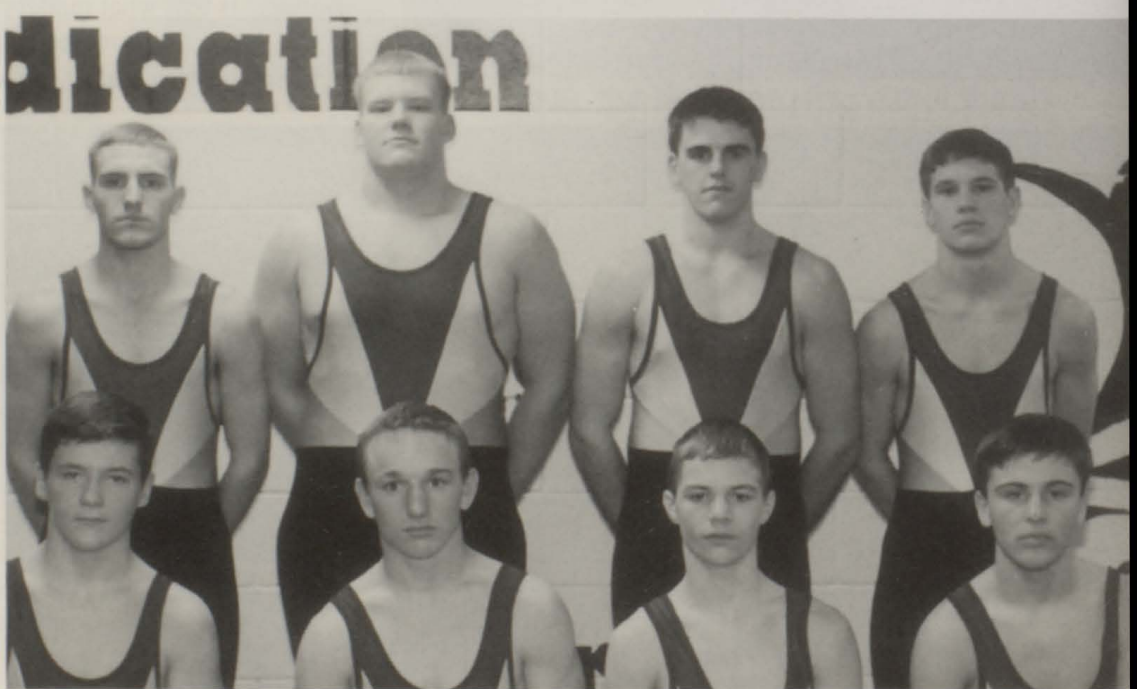
Tyler Herman, a third place medal winner also broke the school's record for takedowns. **Tyler** has set a personal goal to wrestle at the college level and then become a wrestling coach.

All the remaining wrestlers **Alan, Jeremy, Tim, Clint, and Josh** have set and accomplished personal goals too. These young men act with personal dignity both off and on the mat, making them winners in every way.

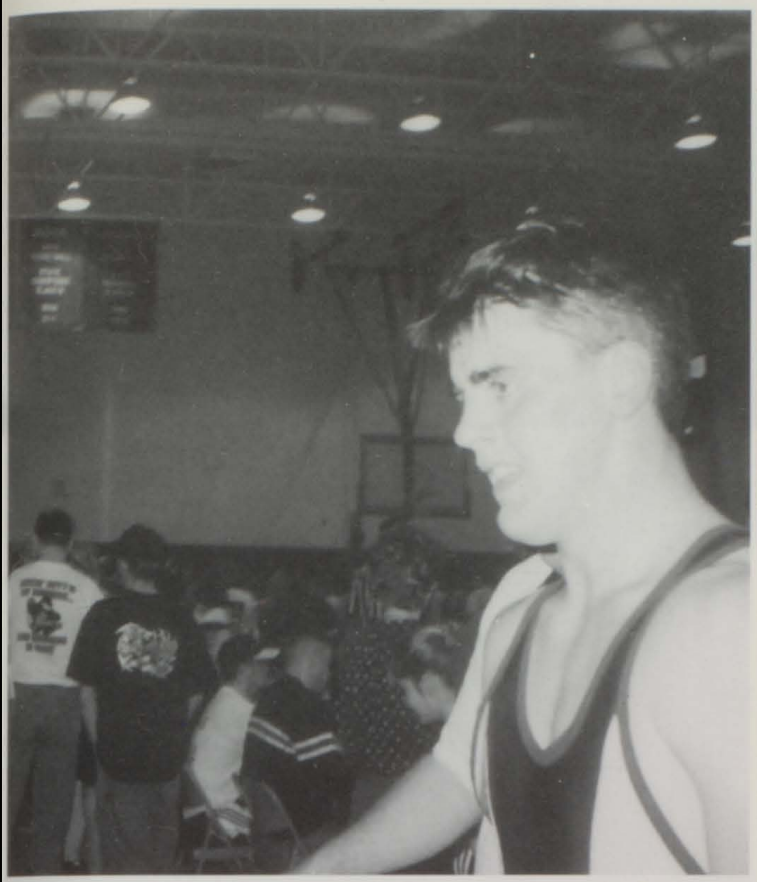


Mitch becomes Class D Heavyweight State Champion

Alan Rieken works hard to keep his opponent's arm so he can work on the pin.

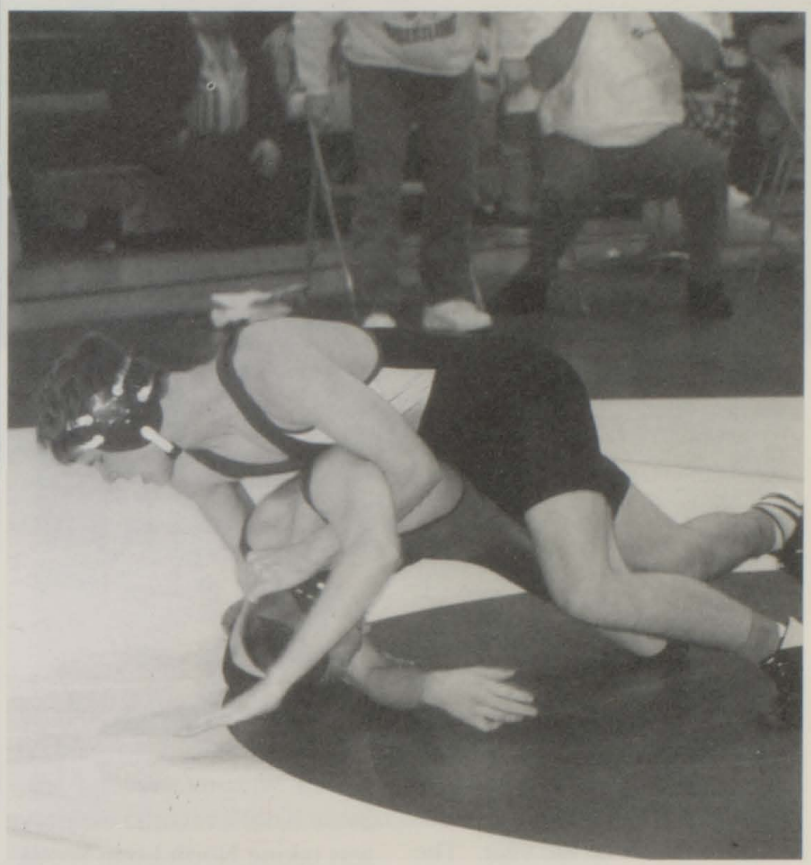


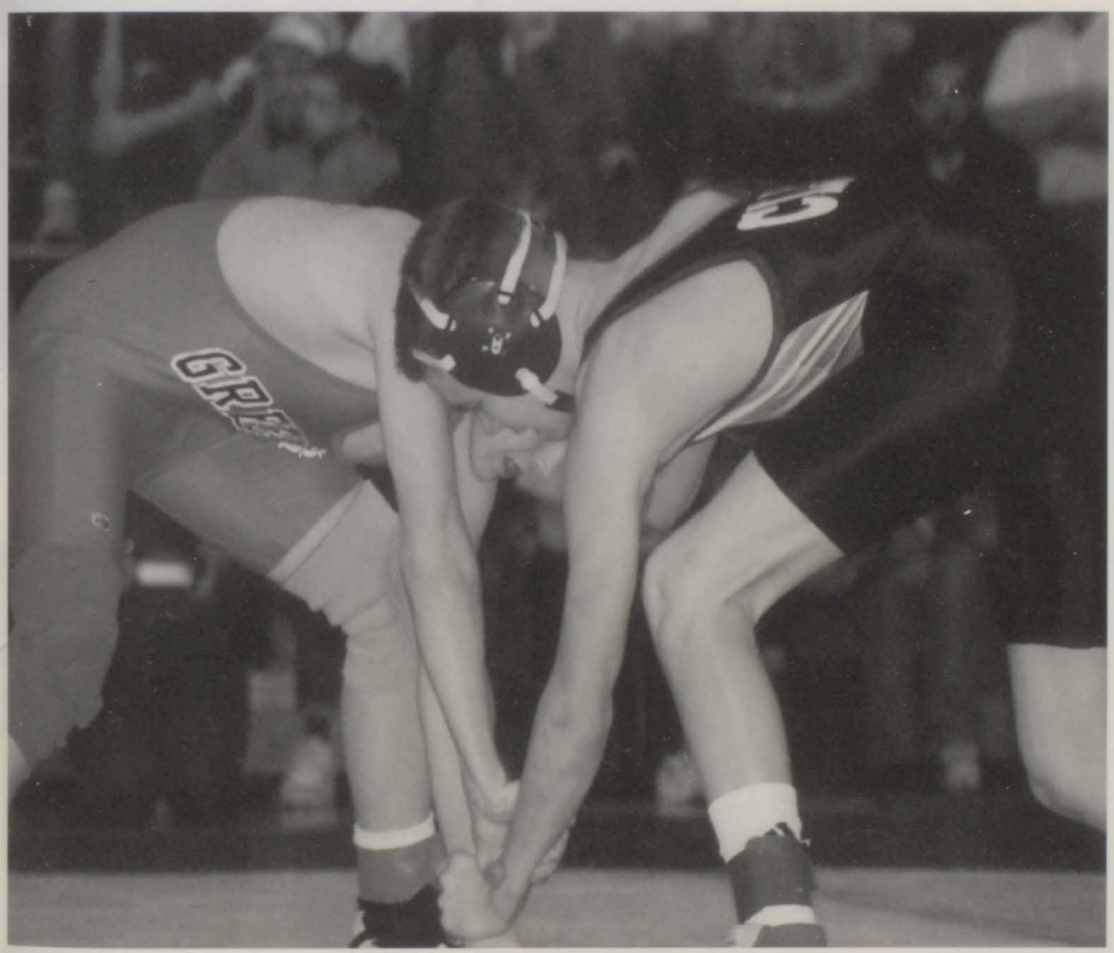
Back row: Alan, Mitch, Brian, and Jeremy. Front row: Josh, Tim, Tyler, and Clint.



Brian Buller walks off the mat from a big win against a Malcolm opponent at Districts, qualifying him for the state tournament.

Jeremy Dubas is trying hard to stay on his toes and get his opponent on his back.





Tyler Herman, who placed third at the state tournament this year, wrestled this opponent from Greeley three times. **Tyler** also shattered **Troy Engel's** record for season takedowns. **Tyler** has 151 takedowns while **Troy Engel** had 106 takedowns

Basketball allows me to get closer to my friends and build even more friendships.

--Jesse Kohl

Boys Basketball

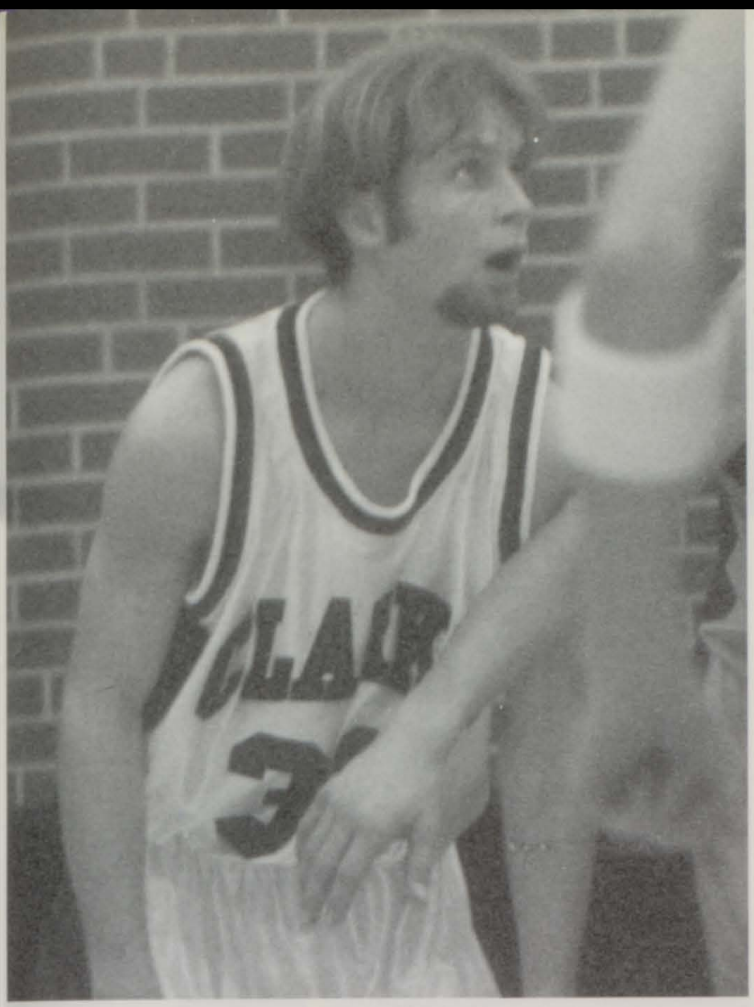
Hard Work and Team Effort Build Confidence

The boys basketball team showed immense improvement this season, winning 4 games and having close contests the rest of the year. The best part about being in basketball for **Daron Lindgreen** was team work. "Everyone has certain jobs that need to get done on the court," said **Daron. Jesse Kohl** agreed adding, "If we work together as a team, it makes the sport a lot more fun." The best part of the sport for **Loren Lindgreen** was his love of competition "I love beating people," he said.

The boys each had favorite memories of the season. **Mike Rieken's** favorite memory was a deep pass to **Bucky** with one second left. **Jesse Kohl's** favorite memory was taking North Loup Scotia into double overtime. Whatever memories are made in basketball, there are some good things that come from being in the sport. Sports gives young men a chance to build muscle, stay in shape, create friendships and lasting memories. Building character along with building bodies makes basketball useful as well as exciting.

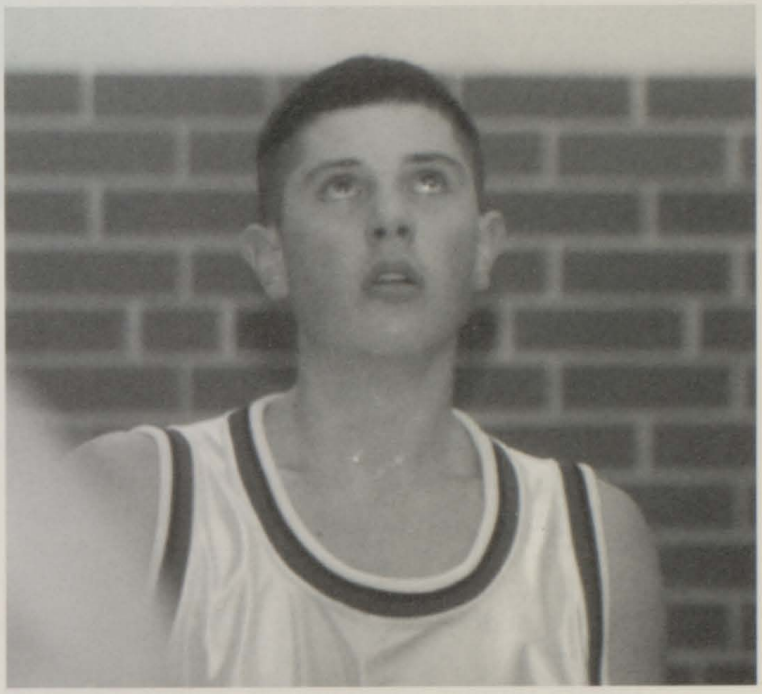
Bucky searches to pass the ball to a Bomber.

Back Row: Assistant Coach Tim Koehn, Mike Rieken, Loren Lindgreen, Dominic Zoucha, Bucky Herman, Cody Schultz and Head Coach Kevin Pettigrew. Front Row: Student Manager Derek Zouch, Daron Lindgreen, Duke Retzlaff, Jimmy Beck, Student Manager Cole Swedenburg.



Duke gets ready for the rebound.

Mike waits for the ball to fall from the basket so that he can make a fast play.



Head Coach Kevin Pettigrew, Bucky, Duke, Dominic, and **Daron** rest while the reserves play.

Scoreboard

Clarks		Opp
41	Genoa	42
38	Greeley	49
31	Fullerton	44
53	Palmer	71
45	Polk	87
48	Fairmont	68
49	Humphrey	79
66	Monroe	49
47	N.C.	46
55	Wolbach	61
55	NLS	64
52	Petersburg	78
51	S.C.	75
61	Cedar Rapids	86
56	Osceola	52
64	NLS	67
39	St. Ed	45

Girls Basketball

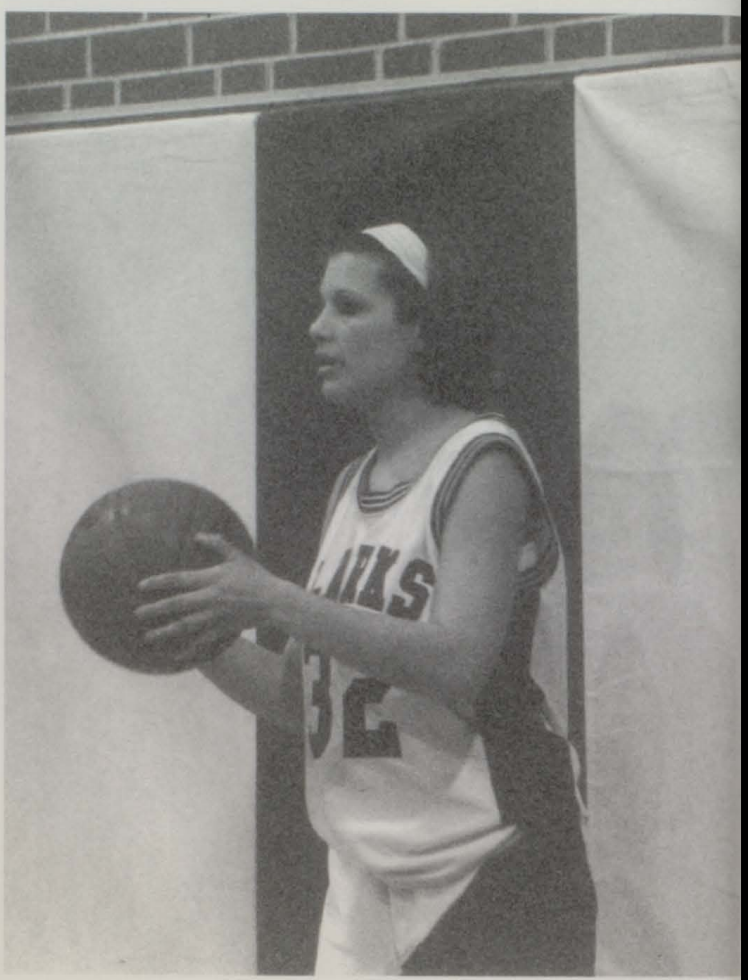
Play every game like it is your last. --Audrey Ziemba

Girls achieve six-game winning streak

Successful girls basketball is a Clarks tradition. A six game winning streak was memorable for the small but mighty nine member team. Two seniors will be leaving the team, but they leave with many good memories. "Mr. Walford is an awesome coach," said **Audrey Ziemba.** "He makes us work hard to discover our limits."

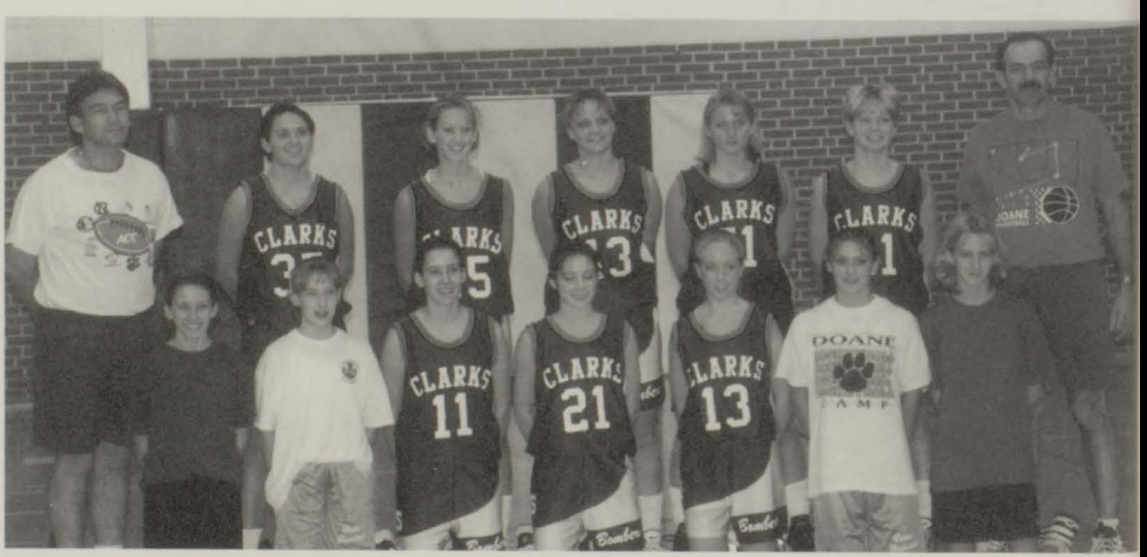
Tamara Dittmer agreed that Mr. Walford was an inspirational coach. "He never lost confidence in us," she said. Senior **Torri Walford** had an unusual aspect of playing for Clarks--the coach is her dad. **Torri** felt sports made an athlete a better all-around person. "It keeps a person active, in shape, and helps you make something of yourself."

The '98 girls basketball team proved that they could work together as a team to keep the momentum going. This small but mighty nine member team learned to work to the best of their abilities to make the year memorable for all of us.



Audrey prepares to pass the ball to start the period.

Tamara is ready to pounce on the rebound.



Back Row: Coach Tim Koehn, Abbey Schultz, Torri Walford, Tamara Dittmer, Ashley Woods, Carrie Ziemba, Coach Don Walford. Front Row: Student manager Talli Walford, Student manager Heather Bittinger, Krystal Boroviak, Breanne Rosenthal, Caley Swedenburg, Student manager Sami Sweet, Student manager Tanna Walford.

Torri plays heavy defense under the basket.

Abbey gets a head start on the rebound.

Breanne hustles to get to the top of the press.

Scoreboard		
Clarks		Opp
35	Genoa	49
35	Greeley	47
38	Fullerton	45
29	P.H.	38
31	Palmer	49
44	Fairmont	45
46	Benedict	26
56	Monroe	37
53	N.C.	37
43	Wolbach	35
56	N.C.	32
35	Palmer	57
28	St. Ed	43
57	Petersburg	41
49	S.C.	51
34	C.R.	33
27	Osceola	47
51	N.L.S.	63

Track develops not only great friendships but also a strong team relationship. --Breanne Rosenthal

Track

Torri, Kirk, and Mitch go to state

Track is a fantastic sport. It not only builds bodies, teaches about self-discipline, and gets students out of school a few days a year; it also is symbolic of life. If we prepare ourselves mentally and physically to reach a goal, we might have a chance to be a winner.

" Track teaches patience and confidence at the same time," said **Breanne Rosenthal**.

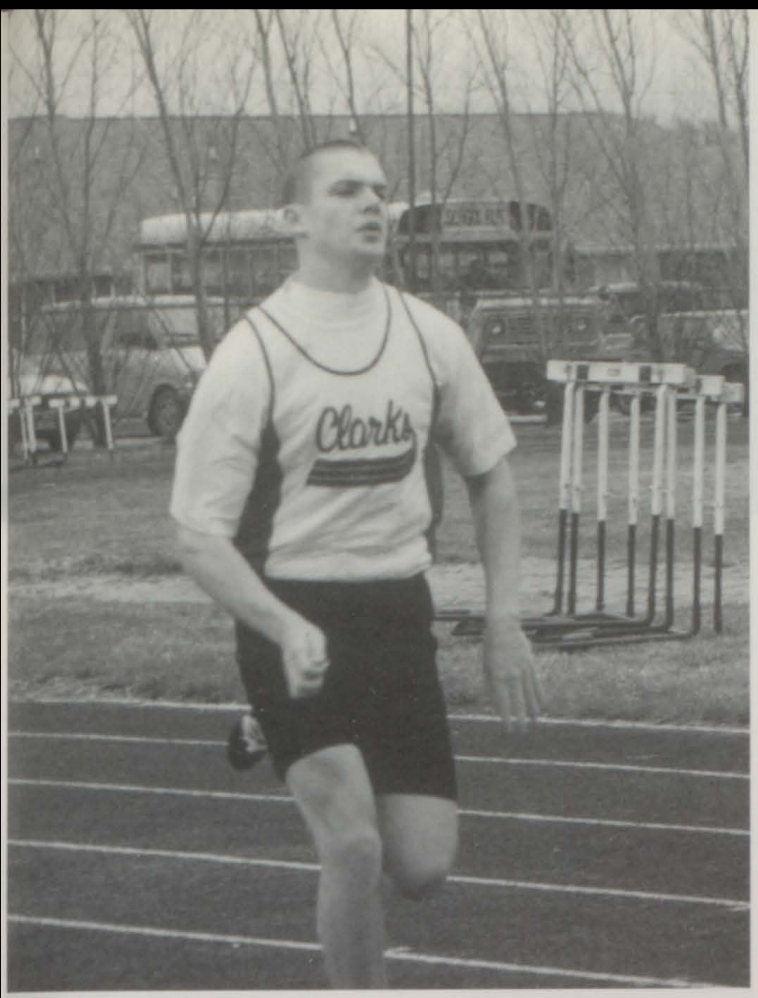
But track can also be a bit dangerous! " Tami and I almost got our heads cut off by Mitch's powerful discuss throw," said **Tabitha Van Pelt**.

The track team worked hard, but it paid off for them. They're all winners!

Laurel Z. reaches into the air to achieve the extra distance in long jump.

Kirk H. strides hard to the finish line in the 400m.

Dominic Z. clears the last hurdle with ease.



Jorge W. sprints his hardest in the 100m.

Torri W. keeps focused on the next hurdle as she nears the finish line.

Girls Track Team

Back Row: Coach Andy Vrbka, Torri Walford, Tamara Dittmer, Carrie Ziemba, Laurel Ziemba, Coach Don Walford. Front row: student manager Tanna Walford, Tabitha Van Pelt, Breanne Rosenthal, Krystal Boroviak, student manager Talli Walford.

Boys Track Team

Back row: Coach Andy Vrbka, Jorge Walloschek, Mitch Manstedt, Dominic Zoucha, Kurt Urkoski, Cody Schultz, Coach Don Walford. Front row: student manager Tanna Walford, Steve Wruble, Kirk Helgoth, Jeremy Dubas, student manager Talli Walford.

Junior High Sports

Dillon Retzlaff and **Dyrek Zoucha** hang out waiting for their next event.

John Hannappel rounds the last curve to the finish line.

Jenny Beck dribbles down the court to find a teammate to pass the ball to.

Back row: Travis, Cole, Derek, Dage, Dustin. Front row: Medina, Tanna, Amanda, Cara, Melissa, & Shari.

T.J. Beck takes a second breath to pass the man in front of him.

Dillon Retzlaff sprints around the curve to the finish line.

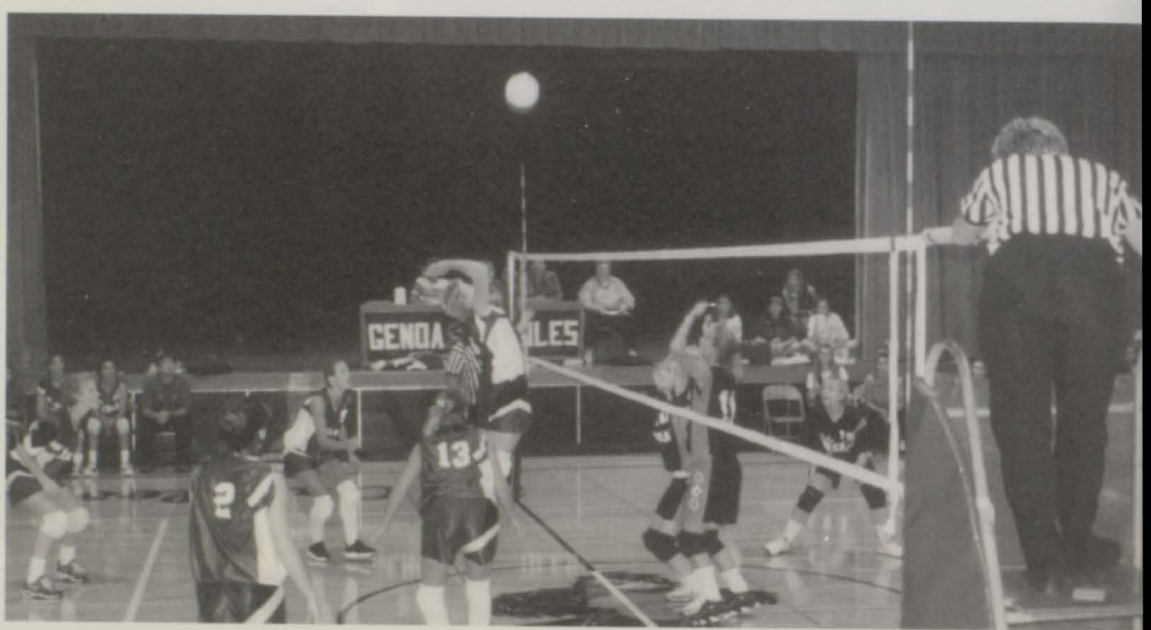
Back row: Jason D., Shane V., Mitch H., T.J. B., Dillond R., Dyrek Z., John H., Daniel Z.
Front row: Sami S., Heather B., Kandra K. Jenny B., Talli W., Holly T., Dawn B.

One Final Look at the Magic of Sports

Tamara Dittmer hurls the discuss.

Loren Lindgreen searches for an open teammate.

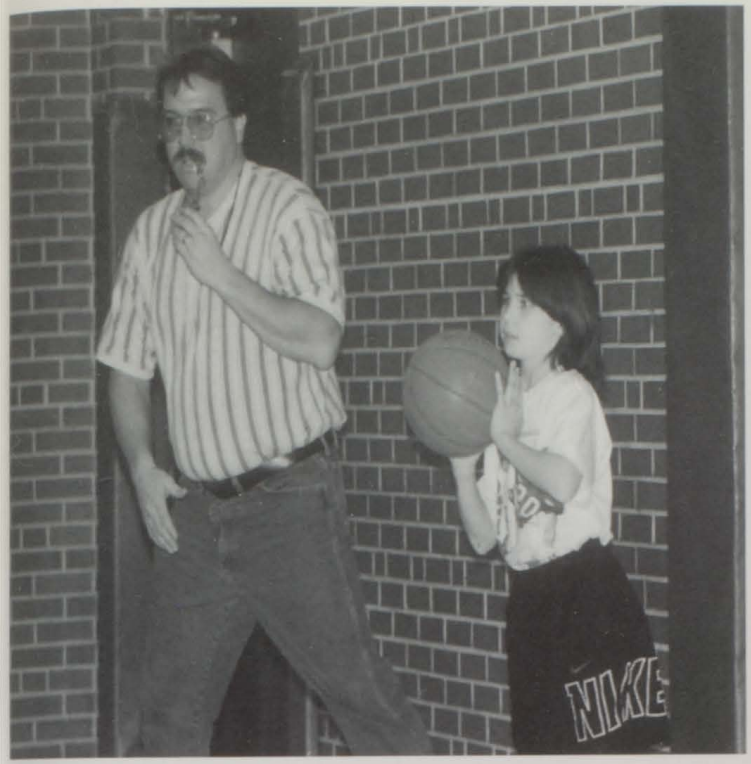
Dominic Zoucha puts up the shot over a Palmer opponent.



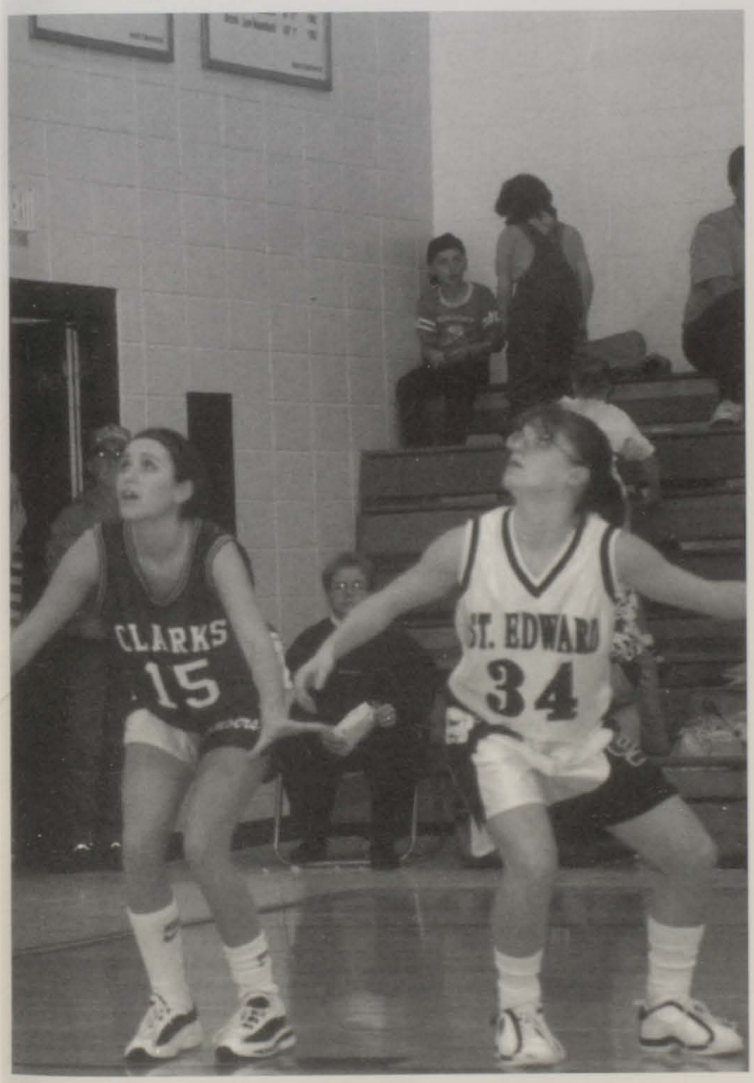
Carrie Ziemba is ready to return the ball to Genoa.

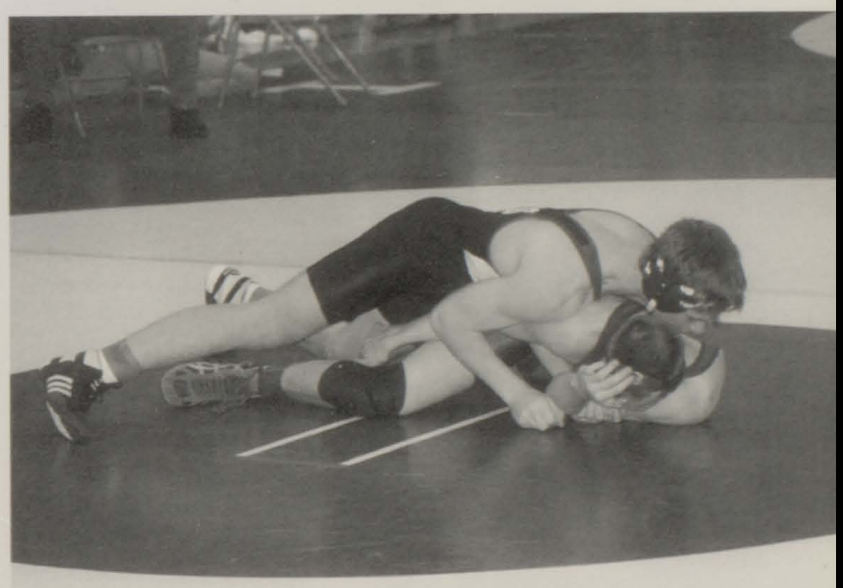
Kurt Urkoski races towards the finish line.

Mr. Vrbka teaches basketball techniques to future athlete, **Jessica Beck.**



The back of a Bomber jacket proudly displayed.





Abbey Schultz waits for a chance at grabbing the ball.

Jeremy Dubas keeps his opponent subdued.

Laurel Ziemba trains to become the best athlete he can be.

Activities

One Last Look at Extracurricular Excellence.

The 1998 cheerleaders: **April**, **Ashley**, **Staci**, and **Martha**.

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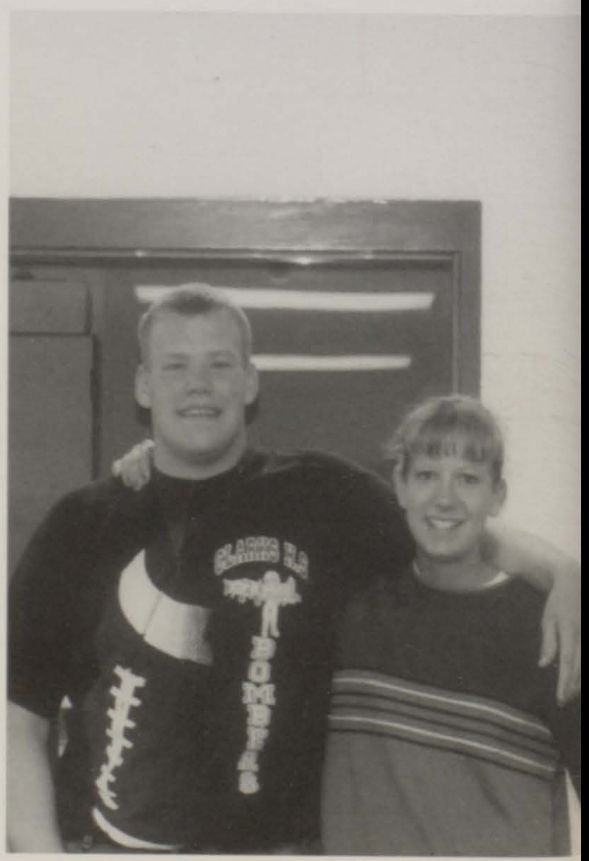
Justin and **Joni** work hard in annual class.

State speech qualifiers **Mitch** and **Lynn**.



The Clarks Band performs at Bean Day.

New NHS members get inducted.

Clarks High girls sing the night away at the Karoke Dance.

The Jr. High quiz bowlers think hard about the next question.

Mitch had a lot of fun at the C-Club hockey game.

One Last Look at the Beat of the Drum, the

Nine students participated in choir this year, so the girls became what is known in the music world as a "triple trio." They performed at various events throughout the year, earning a superior rating at District music contest. Both duets received superior ratings too. **Caley Swedenburg** and **Amber Fuehrer** made up one duet while **MaeLynn Bittinger** and **Tabitha Van Pelt** made up the other. "Music is a great class to take," said **Amber Fuehrer**. "It is more relaxed than some others."

"I just love to sing," said **Mary Boroviak**.

"I like how the phrases are formed in the songs and how the composer expresses himself," said **Staci Anderson**. "I also like the poetry of the songs."

For whatever reason a person joins choir, everyone seems to feel very positive about the experience.

Laurel Ziemba leads the band through the streets of Central City during the Veteran's Day Parade.

Choir Small but Dedicated!

Top row: Lynn Bittinger, Carrie Ziemba, Staci Anderson, Tamara Dittmer, Amber Fueher, Joni Pollard, and Paige Jacobi. Second row: Mary Boroviak and Tabitha Van Pelt.

Clash of the Cymbals, and the Voice of Song...

Band

Top Row: Mitch M., Audrey Z., Mike R., Mitch H., CarrieZ., Dyrek Z., Mr. Gallion.
Third Row: Martha H., Loren L., Daron L., Dillon R., Cole S., Derek B., Caley S., Tamara D., Laurel Z,
Second Row: Nick T., Dominic Z., Krystal B., Tabitha V., Sami S., Heather B., Talli W., Amanda K., Cara F.
Bottom Row: Mary B., Lynn B., Amber F., Sherri B., Tanna W.

Mr. Gallion directs the choir during fourth period.
The awesome **Blue Bombers Band!**
Dominic Z. and Mike R. strut their stuff during the Veteran's Day Parade.

Band Presents Concert and Soup Supper

Busy! Busy! Busy! The band entertained us every day during fourth period as they practiced to be perfect. "Band was interesting this year," said baritone player **Mitch Manstedt**. "We worked harder this year, and it helped us in the end."

The band looked and sounded great as they performed on Bean Day, Veteran's Day, Homecoming half-time, Christmas concert, and the various contests they competed in.

Something new was added to the roster for band-- a soup supper concert. Band mothers served delicious chili and chicken noodle soup while the band performed upbeat music in the multi-purpose room. "We made around $350 profit," said Band Mother's president, **Rita Zoucha**. "We will use the money for scholarships and a new music tuner."

One Last Look at Cheers,

Martha, **Ashley**, **April**, and **Staci** are ready to surprise **Coaches Koehn**, **Pettigrew**, and **Walford** at a pep rally.

Final Year For Cheerleading

For Clarks, a legacy of spirit is coming to a close. This was the last year for an organized cheerleading squad. "It was good while it lasted," said cheerleader **Ashley Woods**.

April Staniec agreed. "I loved putting on pep rallys," said **April.** "It's fun to see the entire school get involved."

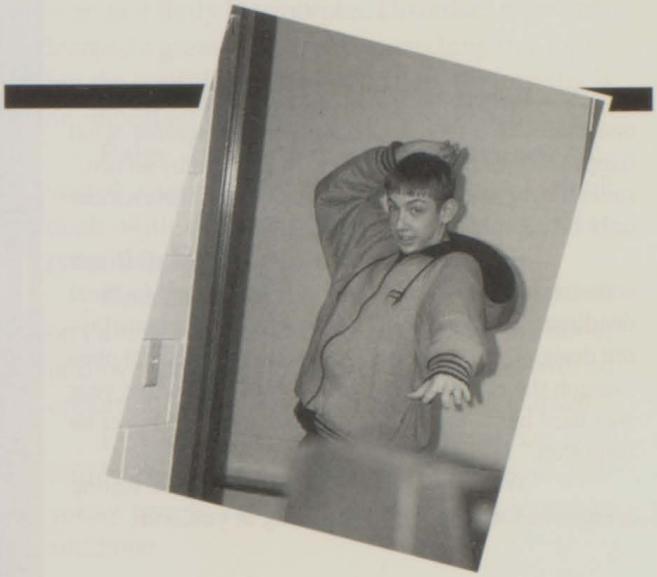
When asked why she wanted to become a cheerleader, **Staci Anderson** said, "It was fun cheering for junior high, so I wanted to try it in high school. I will miss it."

Captain of the cheerleading squad, **Martha Hoffer,** loved cheerleading and will miss it. "I loved getting the crowd going to help cheer on our players."

It is the cheerleaders' hope that the crowds will continue to support our mighty Bombers. **Go Big Blue**!

Alan, Casey, LaDonna, and **Courtney** show how cheerleaders get us in the spirit.

Tears, and Stage Fears



Entertainment speaker **Daron Lindgreen** shows what a ham he can be.

SPEECH TEAM Back Row: Mike R., Bucky H., Mitch M., Daron L. Middle: Joni P., Lynn B., Tabitha VP. Front: Abbey S., Breanne R.

State Qualifiers **Mitch** and **Lynn** portrayed husband and wife in duet acting.

Speech Builds Confidence

As we approach the millenium, experts say that one of the most important skills a young person can achieve is speaking in front of people with purpose and confidence.

Clarks was most fortunate in hiring a new speech coach, **Mr. Gallion.** Also, **Mr. Gallion** was fortunate to have such talented speakers. Proof of this was the many medals students brought home and the three students who won trips to the state speech contest. **Lynn Bittinger** and **Mitch Manstedt** earned the trip with their performance of "Barefoot in the Park." **Daron Lindgreen** won the trip to state with his entertainment speech concerning a crummy first car.

Other talented students were **Breanne Rosenthal** and **Abbey Schultz** in poetry; **Joni Pollard, Mae Lynn Bittinger,** and **Tabitha Van Pelt** in Drama; and **Mike Rieken** in Entertainment. All of these young people did well and made a giant step toward preparing for the millenium.

One Last Look at Creating Memories

In this busy world, the journalism staff has one main objective--to help people remember what happened throughout the year. "Life goes by so fast," said advisor **Ms. V.** that sometimes the memories can only be captured by photographs.

Being on the annual and paper staff can sometimes be frustrating as students hurry to meet deadlines, but it is a learning experience to create layout designs, crop pictures, interview people, and photograph the events of the year. "Journalism this year was hard but a learning experience that will never be forgotten," said **Donna Staniec**.

We're hoping we've created some lasting memories for you! Here's looking at you, kid!

Todd C. hams it up behind **Casey** and **Melissa** on a day out of school selling ads for the annual in Central City.

LaDonna S. and **Casey G.** work hard on ad layouts in order to meet the dreaded annual deadline.

YEARBOOK AND PAPER STAFF Back: Todd Church, Daron Lindgreen, and Justin Kohl. Front: Joni Pollard, Casey Grause, Melissa Traxler, and La Donna Staniec.

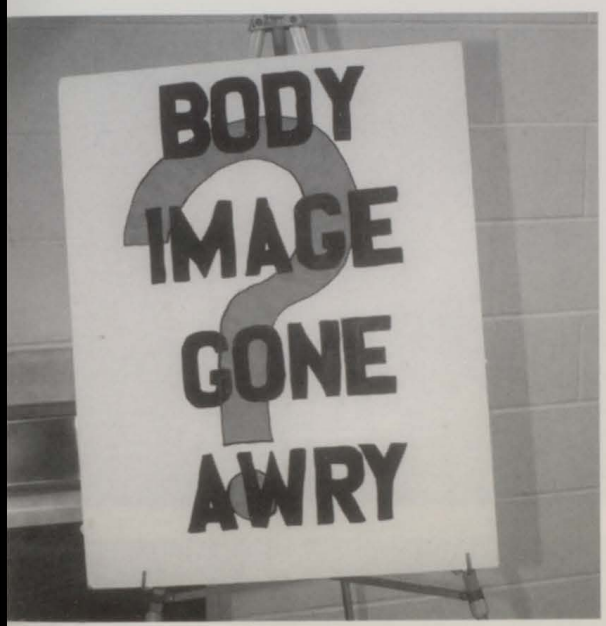
FCCLA Looks at Personal Growth and Learning

FCCLA is an organization which builds confidence and knowledge in young people. This year **Martha Hoffer** and **Melissa Traxler** researched Body Dysmorphic Disorder. Both girls learned a great deal while researching this topic, but the confidence they gained by performing is an important part of belonging to FCCLA.

Paige Jacobi and **Amber Fuehrer** presented a speech on "Where Is Daddy?" which dealt with the importance of a father being present in a child's life.

Kandra Koenig got her idea for a speech on cults by watching Dateline. "I learned about brainwashing, and FCCLA provided me with an opportunity to teach others what I had learned."

FCCLA is a fantastic organization that builds inner-strength and confidence so that young people can face the world with courage and hope.



Kandra, Holly, Melissa, April, Amber, Martha, and **Ashley** all participate in the awards ceremony for FCCLA.

Melissa and **Martha's** cover poster shows the work and interest that goes into preparing a topic.

Paige and **Amber** proudly display their honors at the awards ceremony.

FCCLA MEMBERS. Back: Kandra Koenig, Martha Hoffer, Melissa Traxler, & Paige Jacobi. Front: Ashley Woods, Amber Fuehrer, & April Staniec.

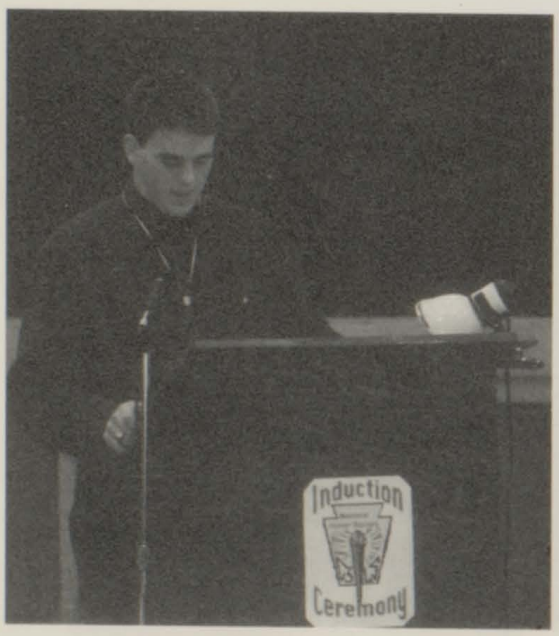
A Final Look at Dedicated Learners

Eight new members were inducted into NHS. They were selected by NHS officers and faculty on the basis of character, leadership, scholarship, and service.

New member **Staci Anderson** enjoyed the experience. "It's exciting to be accepted into National Honor Society after all the hard work of studying," she said.

"It's one way students are honored for studying hard. It's a good feeling when the hard work pays off, " said **Melissa Traxler**, who hopes someday to be a doctor.

NHS put into force higher standards for the "98-'99 year. These new standards will set higher goals for those who want the honor of belonging to NHS.

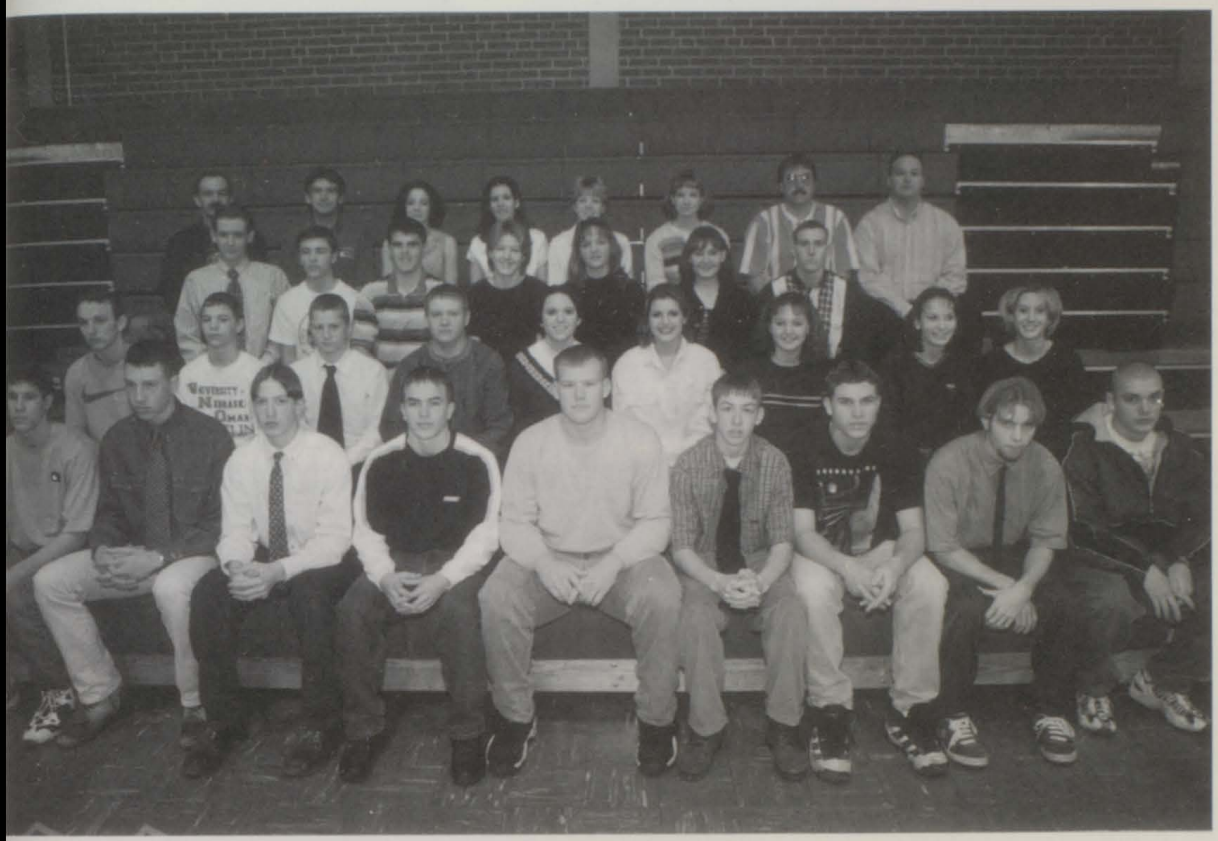


Guest speaker **Natalie Hahn** presents President **Brian Buller** with a hand made chair from Africa as a gift to Clarks Public School.

NHS President **Brian Buller** introduces the new inductees.

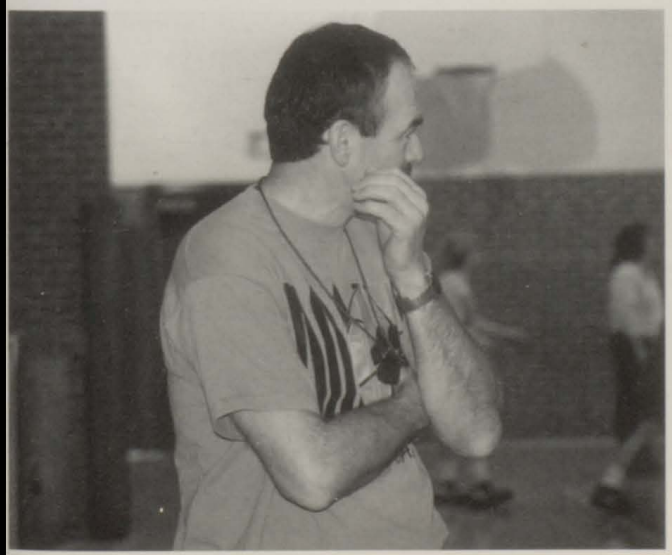
National Honor Society members and officers. Back row: Carrie Z., Laurel Z., Abbey S., Jeremy D., Mitch M., Dominic Z., Daron L., Todd C. Second row: Staci A., April S., Breanne R., Tyler H., Kirk H., Martha H., Melissa T. Seated: Audrey Z., Duke R., Brian B., Bucky H., and Torri W.

One Last Look at Teamwork--C Club



Back: Mr. Walford, Mr. Koehn, Breanne, Krystal, Carrie, Lynn, Mr. Vrbka, Mr. Pettigrew.
Third: Bucky, Clint, Brian, Laurel, Tamara, Tabitha, Alan.
Second: Tim, Tyler, Jimmy, Justin, Abbey, Audrey, Casey, Joni, Torri.
Front: Jeremy, Dominic, Loren, Kirk, Mitch, Daron, Kurt, Duke, Jorge.

The Mighty Bomber C Club



a dedicated coach- **Mr. Walford!**

C Club had another fun year as they worked hard to raise money for their various field trips. C Club's main money maker was selling Godfather's Pizzas. "We earned around $500," said **Mr. Walford**, C Club sponsor. Money raised enabled the club members to attend to UNL/Oklahoma game and a Lancers hockey game in Omaha.

" Making pizzas was fun," said sophomore **Tim Yrkoski**, "and it was worth the great time we had at the Cornhuskers game."

"I liked the football game better too," said **Jimmy Beck**, "because it was a sport I know more about."

Top pizza salesperson was **Justin Kohl,** who won $15.00 and a T-shirt. "The whole experience of C Club is fun," said **Justin.**

Quiz Bowl Team Brings Home a Trophy!

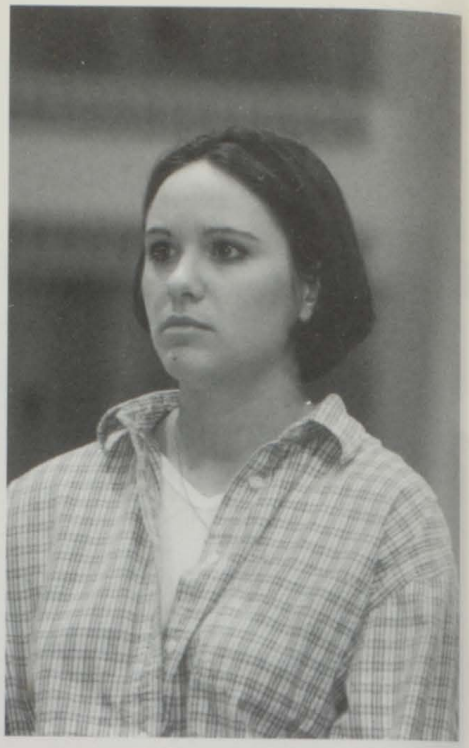
"Quiz Bowl is a small adventure," said **Nick Tignor,** member of the varsity quiz bowl team. Yes, it was a small adventure that allowed Clarks to bring home the second place conference trophy from Greeley.

Everyone involved in Quiz Bowl enjoyed the academic competition. "Quiz Bowl is a great learning experience," said **Talli Walford**, member of the junior high team.

One Last Look at a Legacy of Learning

The varsity team was excited to be in the finals and even more excited to bring home the runner-up trophy. "It was a good feeling to bring home a trophy our senior year," said **Bucky Herman**. "Quiz Bowl is really what school is all about."

Clarks can be proud of their students and the academic excellence they exhibited at the conference show down. Quiz Bowl rocks!



Abbey Schultz waits in expectation for the next question.

Nick T. Brian B., and **Bucky H.** wait eagerly to buzz in on the next question.

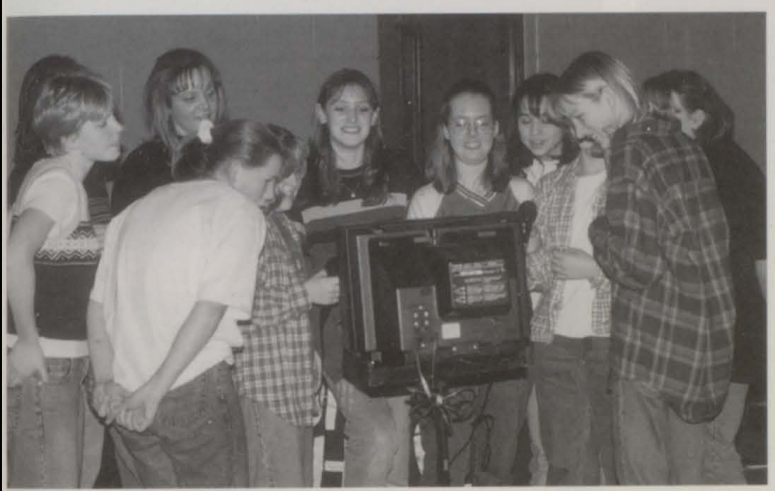
Varsity Quiz Bowl Abbey Schultz, Caley Swedenburg, Dominic Zoucha, Nick Tignor, Brian Buller, Melissa Traxler, & Bucky Herman.
Jr. Varsity Quiz Bowl Jason Dubas, Talli Walford, Shane Van Pelt, Kandra Koenig, Dillon Retzlaff, Melissa Anderson, & Cole Swedenburg.

Student Council Busy with Helping Hands

Clarks' Student Council did a variety of productive things for the school this year. One valuable thing they did was take turns cleaning off the tables after lunch. They also decorated the hallway for Christmas.

Perhaps the best thing the Student Council did was provide another karaoke dance for the students. Many thanks for all you do, student council!

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS
Back: Paige Jacobi, Josh Dittmer, Shane Van Pelt, Mitch Hoffer, April Staniec, Staci Anderson, Cara Fritz, & Tanna Walford.
Front: Nick Tignor, Audrey Ziemba, Jorge Walloschek, & Tamara Dittmer.



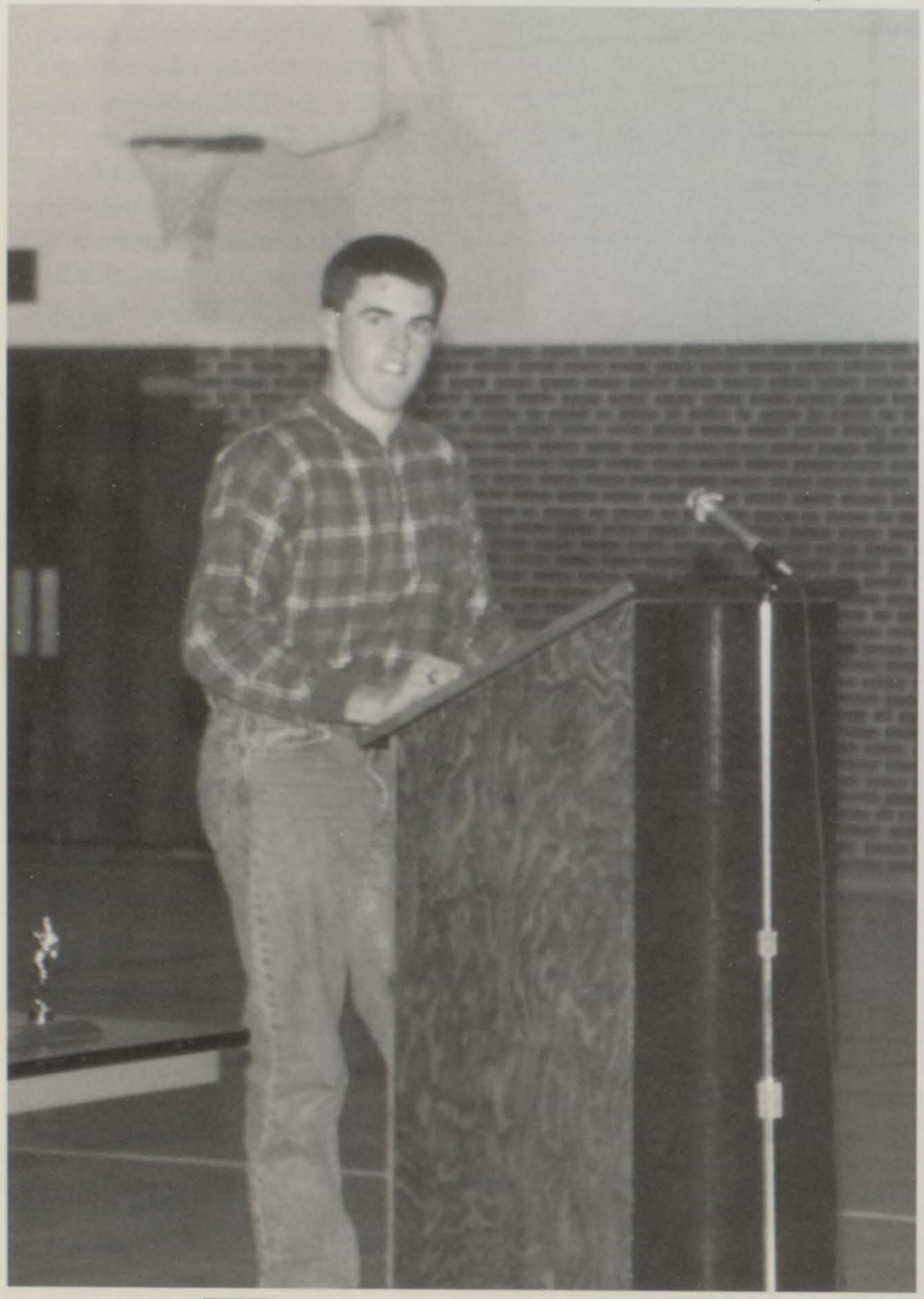
Many of the Clarks girls went up to sing Karaoke. It's safer in numbers!

Caley Swedenburg, Paige Jacobi, Sami Sweet, Heather Bittinger, Talli Walford and **Amber Fuehrer** all join in a song.

Derek Beck, Jimmy Beck, Ross Richards, Curtis Swedenburg, and **Steve Wruble** show their singing skills, along with student council advisor, **Andy Vrbka.**

Events

One Last Look at the events that happen only once a year.

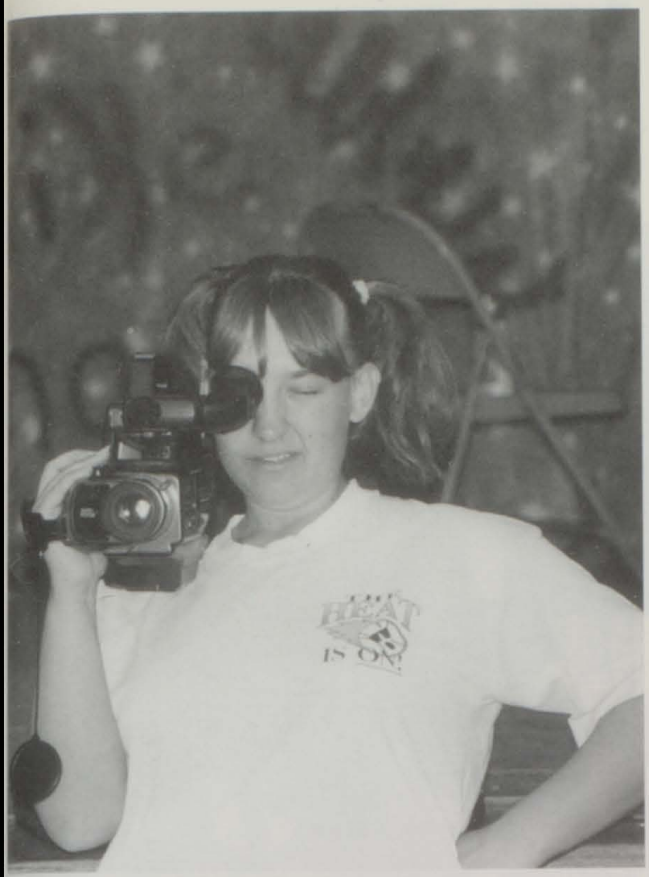


one LAST LOOK

Brian hands out the NHS awards.

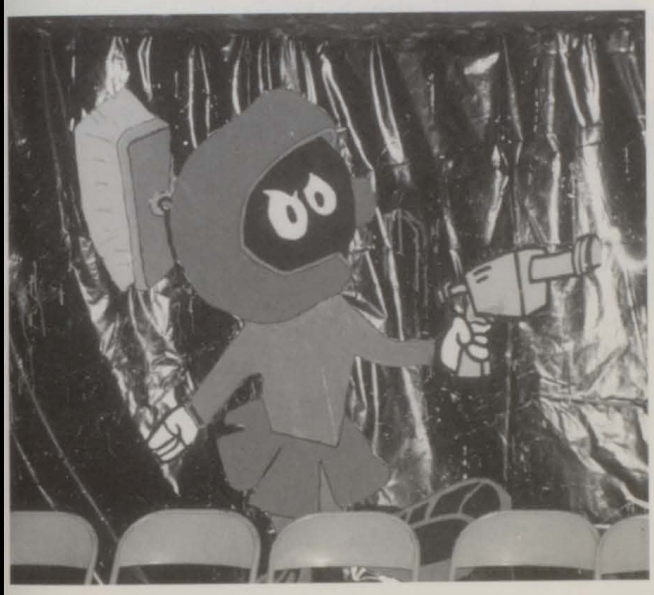
Kirk and his date smile at each other at the '98 junior/ senior prom.

Jorge receives his certificate of attendance.



Tabitha may not be decorating very hard, but she is doing a good job of recording the people who are.

Mike tries to figure out what that is on his hat while **Breanne** tells him, "It looks just fine."

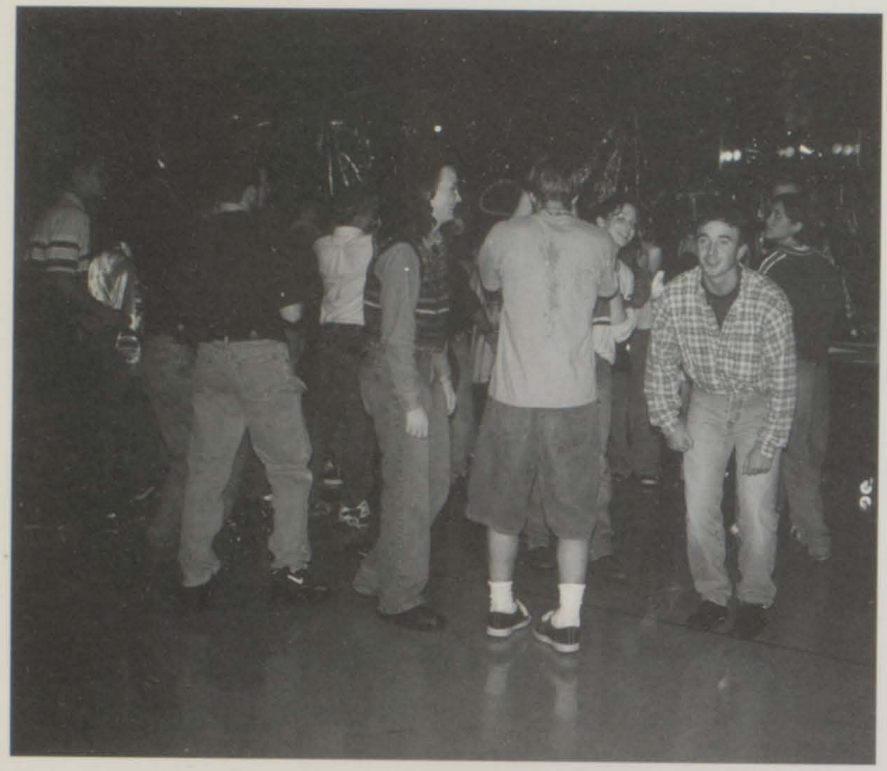


Everybody enjoyed doing the Y.M.C.A. dance at the prom.

Even a martian attended the homecoming celebration, "How Bizarre."

Bucky gets a big "Congratulations!" from **Brandy Veburg** after the graduation commencement.

Clarks students, past and present, gettin' jiggy wit' it on the dance floor.



King Duke Retzlaff and Queen Audrey Ziemba and crown bearers, Shelby Labarge and Jacob Kennedy.

Two of the Homecoming candidates, Laurel and Jorge, dance together during the royal dance.

Joni smiles for the camera while putting the finishing touches on Homecoing decorations.

The 1997 Homecoming royalty with last years king and queen at half time of the football game.

Homecoming '97 "How Bizarre"

The 1998 senior class decided on a non-traditional Homecoming theme - How Bizarre. Grades seven through twelve decorated the hallways with bizarre creations - toilet paper streamers, an alien bar, flashing lights, and an inflatable moose.

But Homecoming was anything but bizarre. The football team defeated Greeley. The band sounded great. The candidates were awesome, and the dance was fun for everyone.

Homecoming king was Duke Retzlaff, and queen was Audrey Ziemba. Other candidates were Laurel Ziemba, Torri Walford, Brian Buller, and Jorge Walloscheek. Few memories are as meaningful to a senior as Homecoming. This was a night to be remembered for many years.

The 1997 Homecoming royalty: Brian Buller, Jorge Walloscheek, Laurel Ziemba, Audrey Ziemba, Duke Retzlaff, and Torri Walford.

Drama Rocks the Audience with Laughter

Drama students accomplish one of life's most important skills--speaking in front of an audience. But other skills drama students gained were selecting a play, blocking, movement, diction, responsibility--but, most of all, teamwork.

The plot centered around Jimmy Took (Todd Church) and his best friend Bill Thompson (Daron Lindgreen) who lived with their Aunt Ellen (Martha Hoffer) and Aunt Iris (Melissa Traxler). Jimmy's Uncle Dan (Mitch Manstedt) had been providing monthly checks for Jimmy and his wife. The problem was Jimmy didn't have a wife. When Uncle Dan and his ward Peggy Westfield (Breanne Rosenthal) came to see Jimmy's wife, Jimmy had to find a pretend bride for a few days. Jimmy's girlfriend, Madge Burns (Audrey Ziemba), and Mr. Oswald (Mike Rieken) refuse to do it. Jimmy's only and last chance is to pass his friend Bill off as his wife. The whole play is a hilarious hit as the plot thickens.

Nights and Sundays of practice, practice, practice made the play a hit. Peg Dittmer and Judy Brazee's expertise on how to tango (along with all the yummy treats they provided) made practice fun.

"I'll never forget when Mitch flung Daron off the stage during the tango," said Joni Pollard. Many unforgettable things happened this year for drama students, but the most important thing they can remember is that hard work brings rewards.

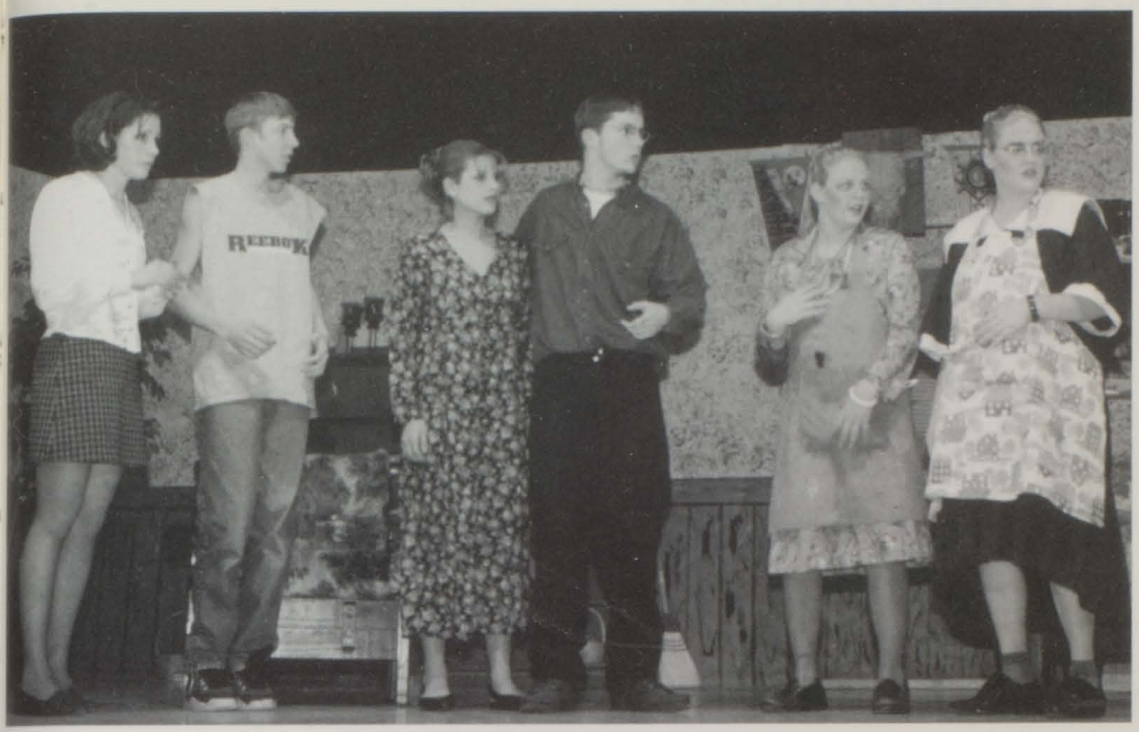
Mike shows off his bizarre feminine side as Mrs. Jimmy Took.

Bill Thompson and Jimmy Took (Daron and Todd) pretend to be newlyweds.

Tamara and Nick mistake Joni and Carrie for some crazy ladies, but no one can guess why.

Madge, Peggy, and Whilimena (Audrey, Breanne and Daron) talk about some "woman" issues.

Dinner Theater a great success!



Peggy, Bill, Madge, Jimmy, Aunt Ellen, and Aunt Iris (Breanne, Daron, Audrey, Todd, Martha, and Melissa) stand in amazement while something amiss happens offstage.

Uncle Dan (Mitch) kicks back with his new main squeezes, Aunt Ellen (Martha) and Aunt Iris (Melissa).

Can crazy ladies dance? Yes, they can. Tabitha and Abbey teach Mike and Breanne the Tango.

Whilimena (aka Bill Thompson, aka Daron) poses in his new hat, which leads to his demise.

Prom '98

State of Ever Happiness

Did the '98 prom achieve its theme-the state of ever happiness? Of course, it did! The juniors and seniors laughed their way through the night as Clarks students experienced one of the best proms ever.

There were a few bloopers as there is in anything in life, but it's all a part of a larger memory. "I had to do the Benediction twice," said **Abbey Schultz** with a smile. The disc jockey had a little too much smoke, but who cares about the little things when you're having a ball?

A unique form of entertainment was provided by **Coach Vrbka** and **Coach Pettigrew**. They dressed up like old men and roasted the seniors with a unique presentation of telltale pictures of the seniors.

Lots of planning and hard work goes into making a successful prom, but the juniors honored the '98 seniors with style and dedication.

The 1998 senior class at the junior/senior prom.

Daron, **Kirk**, and **Todd** read the senior prophecies. How many of them will come true?

Our "old teachers," **Coach Vrbka** and **Coach Pettigrew**, provide the entertainment at prom.

The 1998 junior class at the junior/senior prom.

Torri and her date enjoy a slow dance together.

An unusual way to dance to a slow song. **Mitch**, **Abbey**, **Daron**, **Kurt**, and **Casey** all show how to do it.

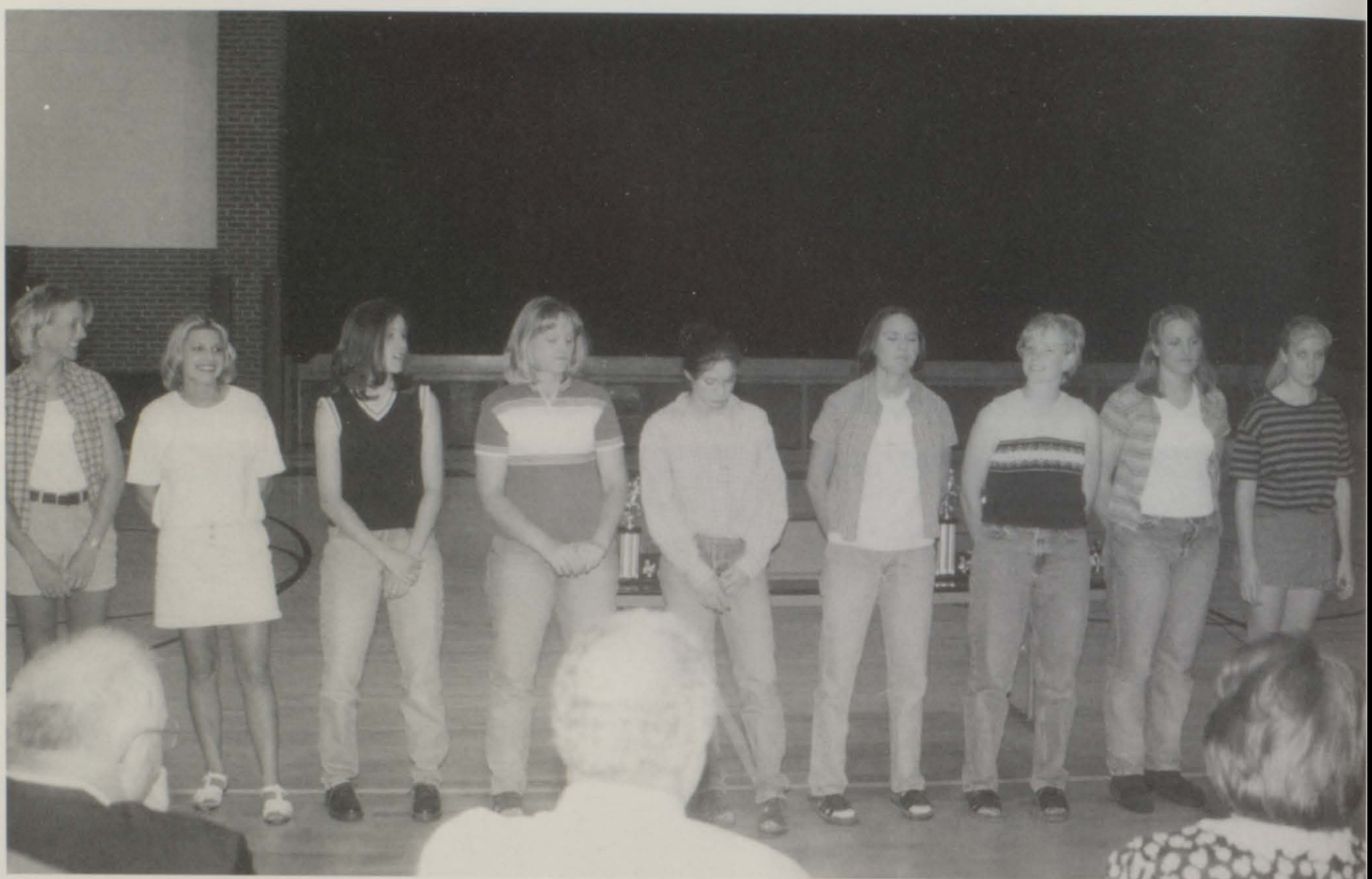
Some people take a break during the closing moments of the dance.

Abbey gives the Benediction, again!

The under classmen all seem to enjoy the dance too.

Kurt receives the Cyber Safari Award from Mrs. Beck.

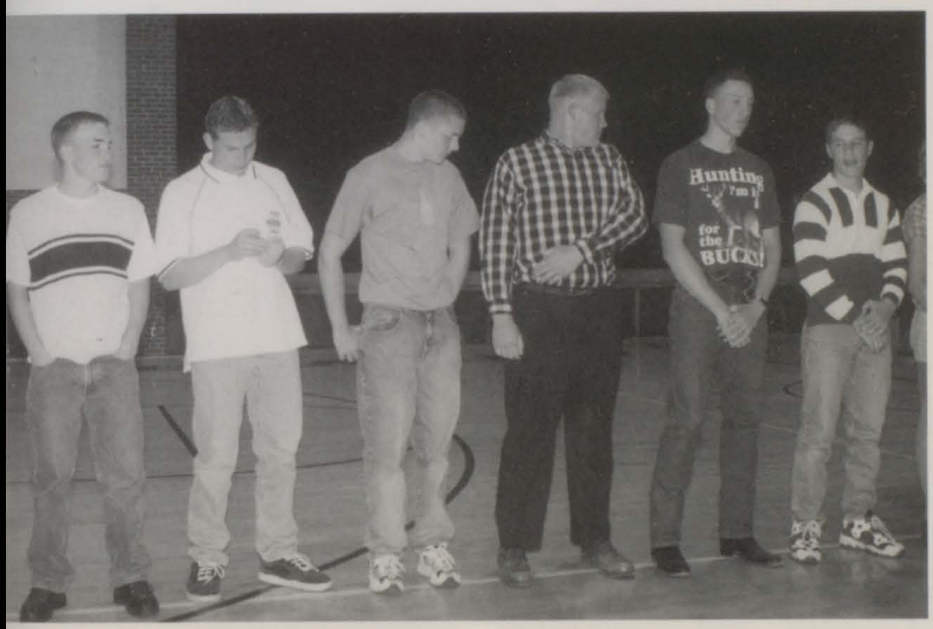
Girls basketball letter winners: **Torri**, **Audrey**, **Krystal**, **Tamara**, **Breanne**, **Abbey**, **Carrie**, **Ashley**, and **Caley**.



Football letter winners: **Dominic**, **Tyler**, **Jeremy**, **Loren**, **Mitch**, **Kirk**, **Alan**, **Jorge**, **Duke**, and **Brian**.

Tabitha wins best all around drama student.

1998 Awards Night



Family Consumer Science Award--Casey Grause
English Awards--Bucky Herman, Brian Buller, Duke Retzlaff
Writing Award--Bucky Herman
Best Actor--Todd Church, Daron Lindgreen
Best Actress--Martha Hoffer, Melissa Traxler
Supporting Actor--Mike Rieken
Supporting Actress--Audrey Ziemba, Breanne Rosenthal
Best Drama Student--Tabitha Van Pelt
Journalism Award--Casey Grause, LaDonna Staniec
Photography Award--Justin Kohl
Speech Award--Tyler Herman
Cyber Safari Winners--Nick Tignor, Kurt Urkoski
Computer Award--Bucky Herman
Spanish Award--Melissa Traxler
Art Award--Ashley Woods
Excellence in Science Award--Melissa Anderson, Jeremy Dubas, Brian Buller
Bosch and Lomb Award--Breanne Rosenthal, Todd Church
Outstanding Band Award--Mitch Manstedt
John Phillips Sousa Award--Laurel Ziemba
Outstanding Vocal Award--Tabitha VanPelt
Advanced Speech Award--Breanne Rosenthal
Business Award--Torri Walford
Social Science Award--Bucky Herman, Brian Buller
Physical Education Award--Audrey Ziemba, LaDonna Staniec, Laurel Ziemba
Presidents Award--Duke Retzlaff, Brian Buller, Bucky Herman
Sophomore Leadership Award--Mary Boroviak
Junior Social Science Award--Nick Tignor
Marine Bulldog Award--Jorge Walloschek
Activity Award--Mitch Manstedt, Tamara Dittmer, Tabitha VanPelt, Carrie Ziemba
Citizenship Award--Laurel Ziemba, Brian Buller

Casey receives the FCS award from Mrs. Hendricks.

Kirk, **Kurt**, **Jorge**, **Mitch**, **Dominic**, and **Jeremy** receive letter awards in track.

Duke receives the English award from Mrs. Vhylidal.

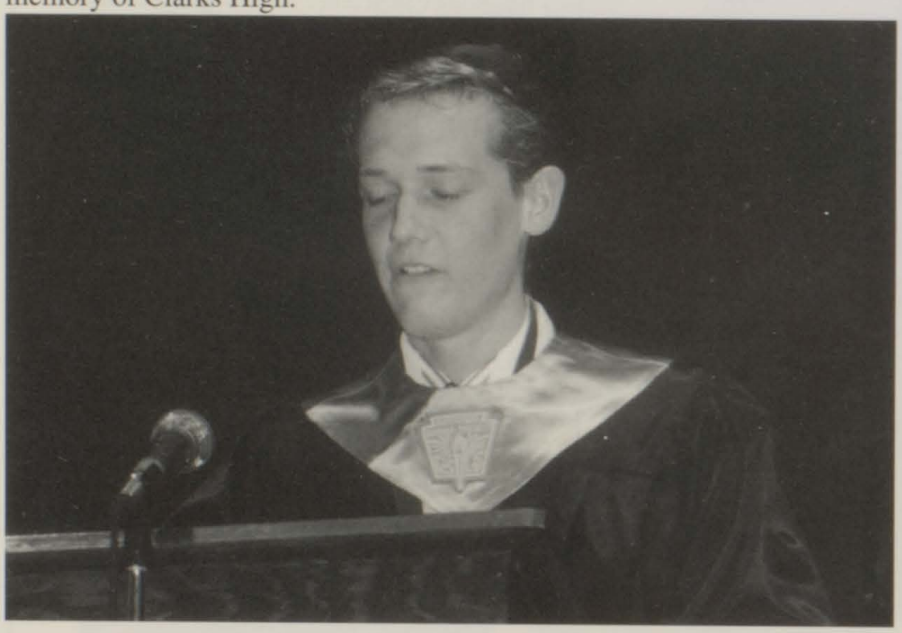
'98 Graduation

It was a clever graduation-fast, fun, and meaningful. Ten proud students marched in to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance." But then the graduation took a few leaps from tradition. Students wore black, green, and burgundy robes. A clever morphing computer program turned the class's baby pictures into senior pictures right before our eyes.

Salutatorian **Brian Buller** remembered classmates and events with humor while Valedictorian **Bucky Herman** gave a more serious but optimistic speech about hope for the future and the importance of families.

After awards, diplomas, and scholarships were awarded, the ten seniors marched out to the reception line right past Mrs. Brazda's kindergarten room where it all began. It was one last look at thirteen years of growth... of learning... of character building. It was one last look at ten human beings precious to the memory of Clarks High.

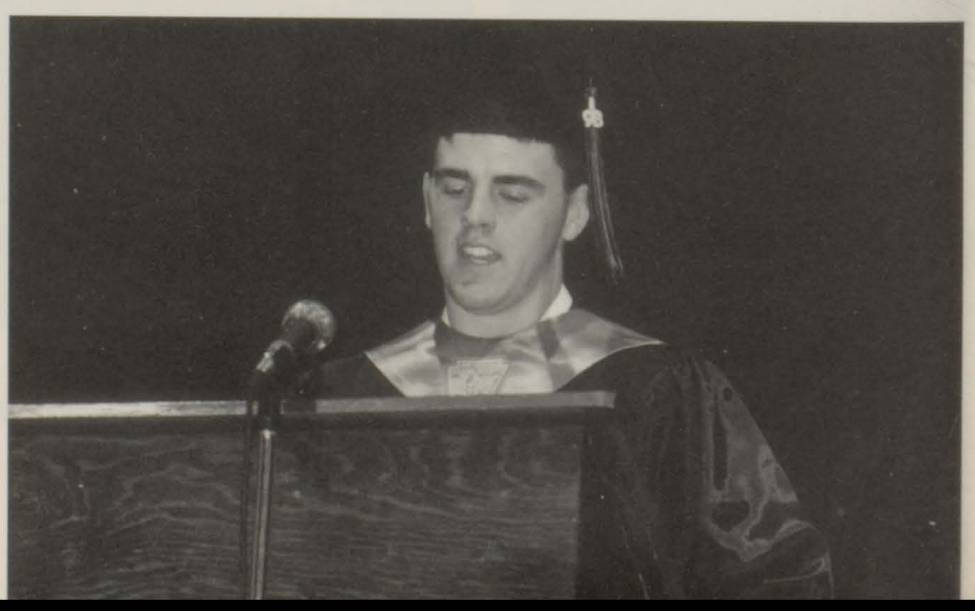
The seniors pose in the kindergarten room... the room that started their spectacular era.



Bucky Heman gives his valedictorian speech with words of wisdom and hope.

Casey Grause smiles as she enters the graduation ceremony.

Brian Buller finally found his speech in Mrs. V's purse and delivered the salutatorian speech with confidence.



Audrey Ziemba enters with the usual glow of a senior.

Duke Retzlaff gratefully receives his diploma.

Joni Pollard receives her diploma from board member Peg Church.

The class of '98 standing together for a final memory.

LaDonna Staniec receives her diploma from board member, Bill Ziemba.

Alan Rieken and **Carrie Ziemba** were ushers for graduation.

Duke Jason Retzlaff

Duke,

Wherever life may lead you, may your new life beginning be filled with much happiness. Continue to strive for success; work as hard as you have for the past 18 years; and the world will open many doors for you. You have made us so proud. We are so blessed to call you our son and brother.
All our love,
Dad, Mom, Lee, and Dillon

Torri MarieWalford

Torri,

Keep smiling and keep God in your heart. I am proud of you.

Love,
Dad

Casey Rena Grause

Casey,

Good luck!

Love Mom and Dad

One Last Look At How We've Grown...

Brian David Buller

Brian,

We know if you aim to succeed, you will win. We are so proud of your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dawn

Joni Lynn Pollard

Alway remember, Joni:

Doing your best is far more important than being the best.

We love you and will miss you.

Mom and Dad

Audrey Ann Ziemba

Audrey,

We wish you a life filled with happiness. May all your dreams come true.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

One Last Message From Those Who Love Us.

Another Look!

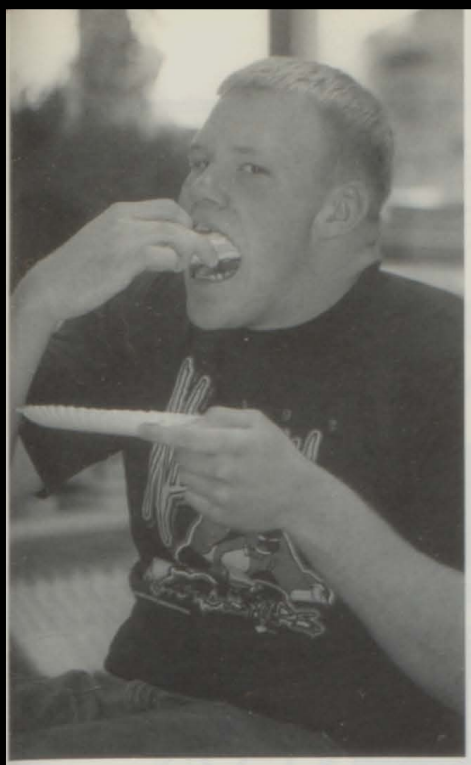
Brian and **Laurel** read the class wills at prom.

Melissa, **Laurel**, and **Martha** work carefully on their titration lab in food science class.

Martha and **Lynn** work happily at the blood mobile.

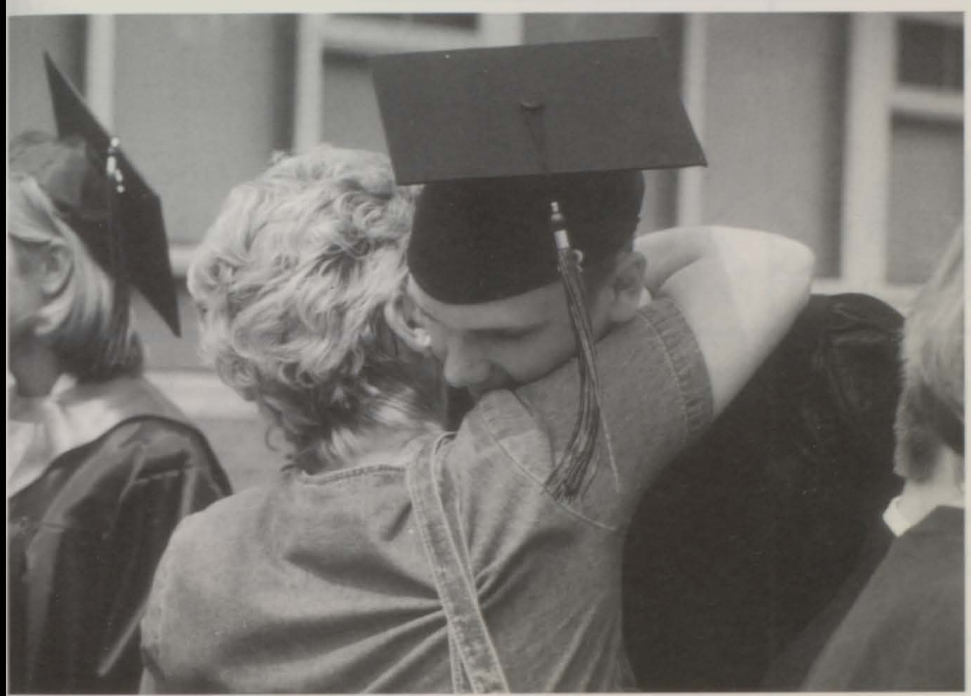
Anthony Beck finds fun in just about anything.

Best friends **Tana**, **Amanda,** and **Cara** stop to smile for the camara on their way out of school.



Mitchell shows how much fun it can be after wrestling season is over.

Homecoming king, **Duke Retzlaff,** holds **Jacob Kennedy** while Homecoming queen, **Audrey Ziemba**, holds **Shelby LaBarge**.



Judy Helgoth gives her German son, **Jorge**, a hug at his graduation.

Mr. Pettigrew and **Mr. Vrbka** dress up as old men who tell about their past students for prom entertainment.

Justin Kohl, AKA Mr. Irresistible, waves to his fans as he is paraded down the hall.

Jeremy and **Jorge** have a friendly chat while trying to keep warm.

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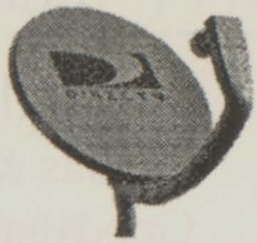

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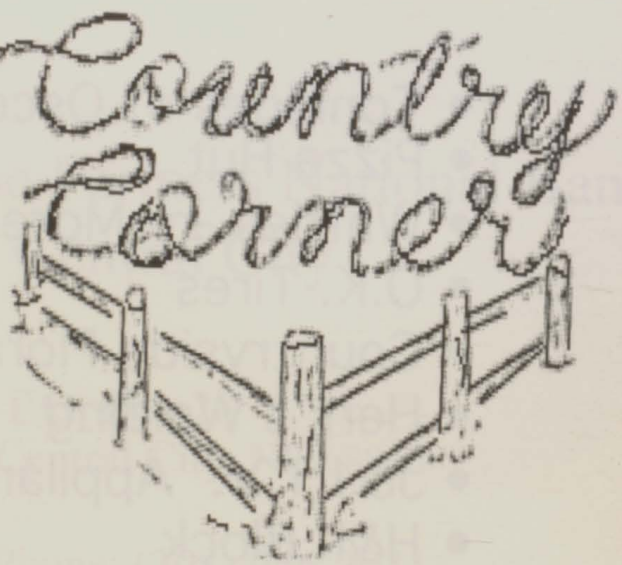

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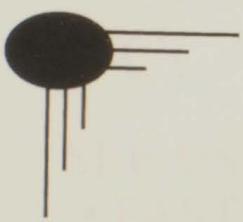

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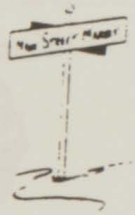

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It was a year of fun...a year of frustrations...a year of victories...a year of deafeats...a year of building...and a year of tearing down. But whatever happened to us, we had the opportunities to learn, to grow, to change.

This annual is dedicated to one last look at life in a small school where students become part of a family where laughter happens, anger happens, love happens, and lives are changed forever. Each of us touch another in ways that large schools cannot...we are a part of one another forever...and here's the final look.

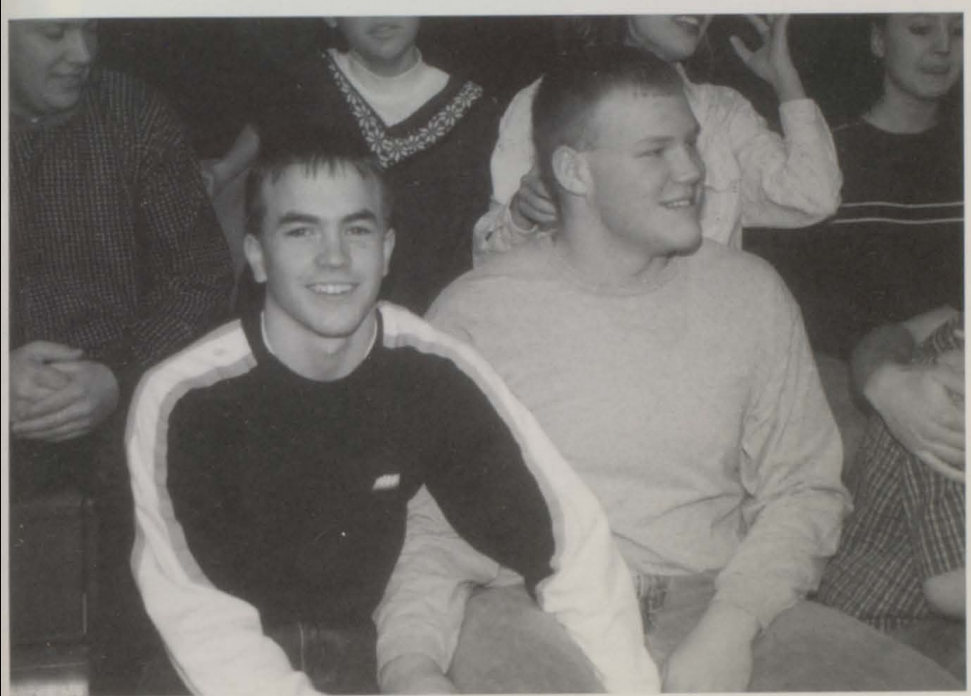
Tim Y., **Tyler H.**, **Josh D.**, and **Jeremy D.** show how we work as a team to make things happen.

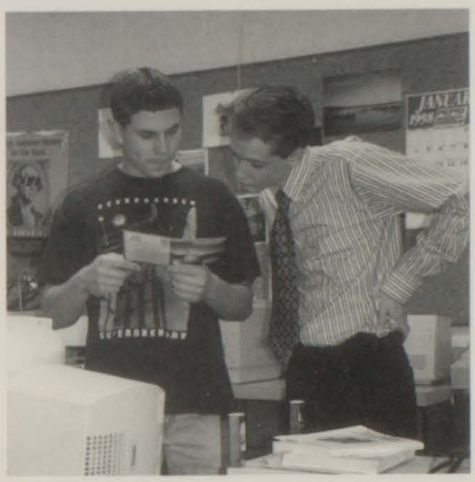
Dyrek Z., **Loren L.**, and **Mike R.** march together to keep us at the same beat even though many of us march to a different drummer.

Daron L. and **Kirk H.** show we can ride it out together.

Friendships are more than just "acted out" because **Todd C.** and **Mitch M.** are living proof.

Not just "fair weather friends," **Tabitha**, **Krystal**, and **Tamara** will always be there for each other.





Kirk H. and **Mitch M.** "buddy up" while cheering on the Bombers.

Bucky H., our tech helper, gives suggestions to **Kurt U.**

Homecoming candidates **Brian B.** and **Torri W.** are classmates and friends forever.

Jeremy D. and **Dominic Z.** team up in speech class to create delicious fruit pies.

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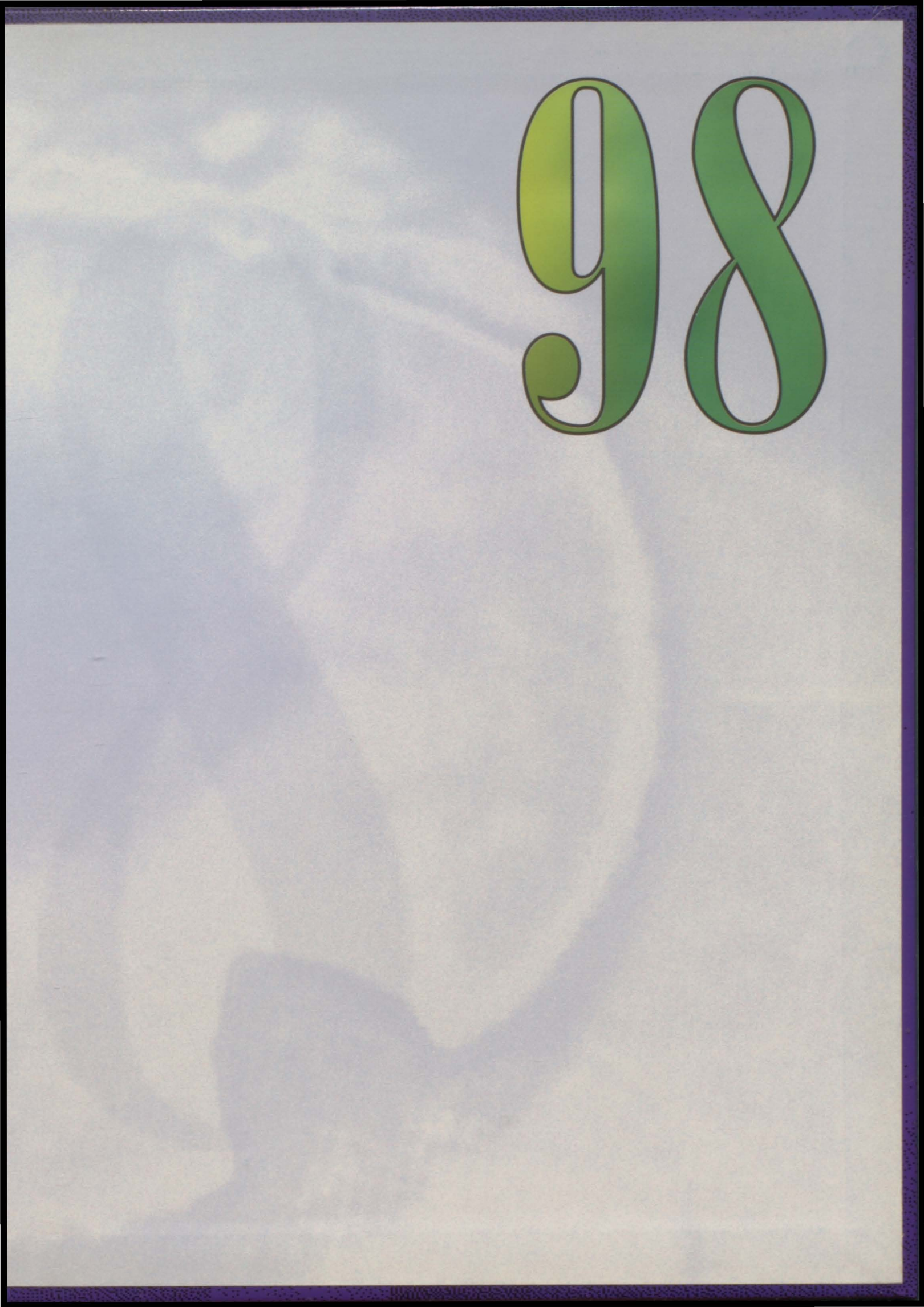
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